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Bingham trails access hits another roadblock

By ALISON ALOISIO

An effort to arrange an informal agreement with a dozen property owners on the Daisy Bryant Road in order to allow access to Bethel Water District land this summer has run into a snag.

Last year, after it appeared the town might be headed to court to determine its right to use the road in order to build recreational trails, Selectman Don Bennett volunteered to seek a temporary, informal arrangement with the owners, in order to save everyone involved potential legal fees.

Some of the residents had objected to the use of the road last summer by Mahoosuc Pathways trailbuilders. They also worried about recreationists eventually using the road to get to the trails and to future trails on the adjacent Bingham land.

Bennett said at last week's selectmen's meeting that he had proposed summer access for trailbuilding, logging on BWD land, and pipe work.

He has not yet heard back from three people, he said. He has talked with eight, he said, seven of whom "gave us a thumbs up."

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Does Newry board favor SAD 44?

By ALISON ALOISIO

The issue of conflict of interest on the Newry Board of Selectmen, as it relates to the current school withdrawal process, was raised again last week.

The selectmen have discussed such concerns before, when appointments were made more than a year ago to the Newry Withdrawal Committee.

That committee has been trying to negotiate a withdrawal agreement for residents to vote upon. So far, the district has stood firm on its negotiating position on a withdrawal agreement, and there has been no progress.

CONNECTIONS

Of the three selectmen, Wendy Hanscom works in the SAD 44 superintendent's office and also takes minutes at School Board meetings; Selectman Gary Wight's wife works for SAD 44; and Selectman Jim Largess' wife is a member of the NWC and School Board.

It was Hanscom's position that prompted Brooks Morton, a former selectman, to raise the conflict question at the Feb. 23 board meeting, particularly as it might have pertained to a recent unanimous vote by the board to hold a town referendum in June on whether to stop the withdrawal process.

Morton cited three rules that are applied to determine a conflict: a business interest, a personal financial inter-

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March Town Meetings

NEWRY

Elections of municipal officials: Monday, March 7 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Office.

Town Meeting: Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Bear River Grange Hall, preceded by a pot luck supper at 6 p.m.

ANDOVER

Town Meeting: Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Elections: Tuesday, March 22, Noon to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

WOODSTOCK

Town Meeting: Monday, March 28, 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School.

ON THE JOB-Sonya, Sunday River Ski Patrol's canine member, always draws a crowd on the slopes. Here, Avery Clano, 6, of Waltham, Mass. and her dad, Mike, pat the Golden Retriever with Sonya's human, Greg Schneider. *A. Aloisio*

Ski Patrol dog dispenses love

By ALISON ALOISIO

"The kids call her name from the lift," said Greg Schneider.

Schneider, of Plympton, Mass., has been a member of the Ski Patrol at Sunday River Resort for 25 years. His patrol partner, Sonya, has only been at it for two seasons. But at 18 months old, she might be making the most visible impact of anyone who wears the patrol logo.

Sonya, a very friendly Golden Retriever, is the first canine member of the Sunday River patrol.

She is the fourth Golden Schneider has had. He did field trials work with Sonya's predecessor, and over the years he has spent time studying pedigrees.

When it came time two years ago to choose a new dog, he looked for one that had a working heritage, such as in hunting and search and rescue.

He found Sonya in British Columbia.

That fall, he brought his new puppy to Sunday River's Fall Festival. "It was

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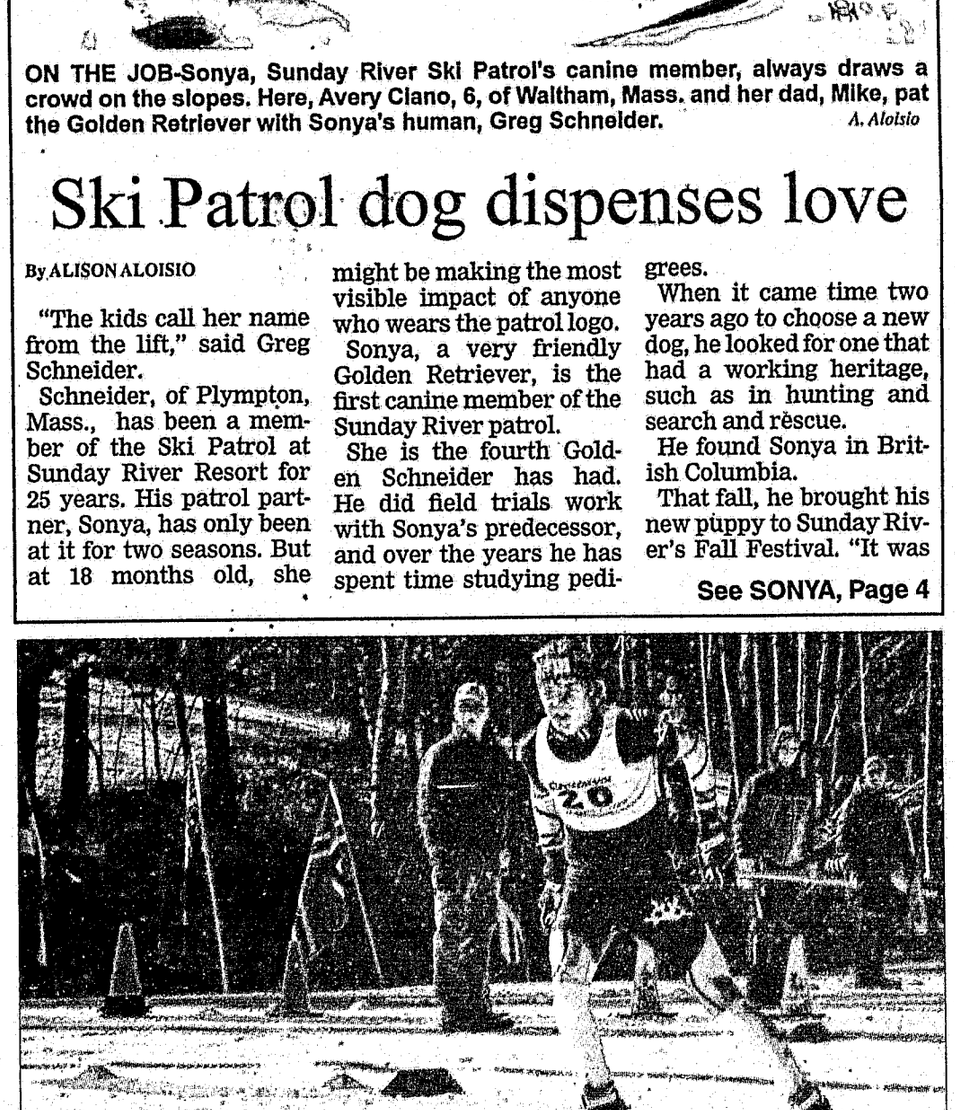

Marcus Wentworth finished third in the NEPSAC Championship races Saturday and helped the Gould Academy Boys' Nordic team to a first place finish. More, Page 11. *Ani Inman*

New energy, new directions for local TV station

By AMY WIGHT C HAPMAN

There's a lot going on at Western Hills Access Television, the Bethel area's local-access station, which broadcasts on Time Warner Cable's channel 11 and on line at Livestream.com.

Since last fall, a newly reorganized—and reenergized—board of directors, with representation from SAD 44 and each of its member towns, has been meeting regularly to plan programming, improvements, and new directions for the station.

"In the past year, things have started to pick up and become fun again," said station manager and Woodstock board member Wayne Howe.

The recent addition of live streaming allows even those without cable TV access to watch the station's programming on their computers or mobile devices by going to the Livestream.com website and searching for Western Hills Access Television.

Although Howe is still working out a few technical glitches that have prevented the live stream from running smoothly for long periods, he said he expects those to be fixed soon.

Viewers can also use the Livestream website to access archived programs like the 2015 Stanley Russell Howe Lecture at the Bethel Historical Society or the Christmas Cantata at the Locke Mills Union Church.

Local music, sports, events

WHAT's broadcasts offer a mix of live programming, recent and vintage footage of local events like concerts, graduations, and meetings, and an events calendar that runs every two hours between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

A popular mainstay has always been Telstar basketball. Volunteers try to film all of the team's home games, which are aired live and also rebroadcast.

Besides providing coverage for schools, municipalities, and non-profit organizations, the station offers an opportunity for area musicians to have their music heard by the public.

Board member Brooks Morton of Newry filmed all of the concerts in last year's Andover Summer Concert Series. Howe and Bethel board member Jewel Clark edited the footage

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Bethel Rotary's 9th Annual
Wine & Beer Tasting Event
Saturday, March 5 • 6-8pm
at Sunday River Inn
To Benefit Community Projects & Scholarships **$30 Per Person**
Heavy appetizers provided by the Good Food Store plus wine & beer! Live dancing music.
For TICKETS contact Bethel Area Chamber 824-2282 or the River View Resort 824-2808 *Also available at door*

Rotary Country Breakfast
Gould Academy
Ordway Dining Hall
Sunday, March 13
7:30-11am
All-You-Can-Eat Buffet to benefit Scholarships & Community Projects.
Adults $8 ($10 at the door)
Under 12 - $5
www.bethelrotary.org

Community Dinner
to benefit Woodstock Elementary's
5th Grade Boston Trip
March 4, 2016
5pm until sell out
at Woodstock Elementary School
$5 for adults, $3 for children
Chicken Pie, Chili, Corn Chowder
Salads, Breads, Desserts
FMI Tonya Prentice 665-2228

Becky Shaw Ski Day
at Mt. Abram
Thursday, March 10
Jewel & Donnie
in the lounge at 3pm!

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Telstar High School Parents/Guardians
You are invited to attend
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Thursday, March 10th, 4-7:30pm
Thursday, March 17th, 4-7:30pm
Interested parents/guardians are asked to call 824-2136 to schedule meetings with teachers of choice.

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Letters

NO THREAT TO THS TRAILS

To the Editor:

As a resident of Hanover who owns property in Woodstock, I applaud Oxford Hills School Committee member Brian Dunham for expressing concern regarding SAD 44's $76,000 expenditure to purchase land abutting the Telstar complex.

There does not appear to be any threat to the continued access to the land by Telstar's athletic teams, and while connecting public trails to those of Telstar is a generous goal, it seems to me that the School Board should be more focused on the educational needs of SAD 44 students.

Certainly, given our district's test scores at the middle and secondary levels, this money could have been better spent on instruction and/or classroom supplies.

Susan Owens
Hanover

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS AT TELSTAR

To the Editor:

The Democratic Caucuses for Bethel, Newry, Greenwood, Woodstock, Gilead, Albany, Hanover, Milton, Lincoln Plantation, and Magalloway will be held on Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. at Telstar High School. Since Maine does not hold a presidential primary (though primaries will be held in June for State and County offices), this will be your only chance to record your desire to see Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders run as the candidate for President. Votes at the caucuses will be tallied in each town to determine which candidate the town's delegates will be charged with voting for at the State Democratic Convention in Portland on May 6-7.

Town caucuses will each be held in separate rooms, and it will be you and your neighbors who will determine how your delegates vote.

The caucuses will also be your opportunity to volunteer to be a delegate to the Portland convention where the Democratic Candidate will be chosen. If you are interested in being a part of that process but are not sure what it involves, call your town caucus convener (see the website) or Oxford County Democratic Chair Cathy Newell (875-2116) for information.

Steve Wight
Newry Caucus Convener

Trails

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The eighth, said Bennett, is not interested in the proposal and also said the trails project "is a waste of town money for just a few interest groups."

Bennett said given that, "I'm not going to vote for a declaratory judgment [by the court] without first somehow talking to the taxpayers of Bethel."

He noted there are still other options to explore for possible access to the BWD and Bingham properties. One possibility, he said, might be via the Locke Mountain Road off Daisy Bryant.

"We need an alternative to get Mahoosuc Pathways in there through another venue or perhaps an existing right of way," if something coudl be negotiated, he said.

Bennett noted the town has a contract with MP for the trailbuilding.

"We'll work for the next month to find an alternative if [Daisy Bryant] doesn't come to fruition," he said.

Selectman Peter Southam said that even if a new route to the land is found, there could always be "conflict" over Daisy Bryant Road use, because that road might continue to be "the path of least resistance" to access the properties.

The board also discussed legal costs from last summer connected to the Daisy Bryant Road dispute. The Bingham Forest Authority is responsible for them, town officials have said. Town Manager Christine Landes said the current total is about $10,000.

At the moment, said Bennett, the town is "floating them a loan," for some expenses until revenue from timber cutting comes in.

Bennett said the BFA expects about $20,000 for that, but out of it must also come money to pay $5,300 in taxes for this year on the Bingham land to Newry, where the parcel is located.

He said timber harvesting planned for next winter could bring in another $20,000, but because years must go by between cuttings in harvest areas, in the future there might not be enough for the Newry taxes.

"It's a little unnerving, really," said Bennett.

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From the Newry Deputy Town Clerk's Desk

By Kelly Scott

It is Town Meeting time. Town meeting is run over two consecutive days.. We start the meeting on Monday, March 7 for the secret ballot election. Polls are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. On the ballot will be the seat for 3-year Selectman, with Gary Wight running for re-election and three-year SAD 44 School Board Director, with Whitney Gray seeking another term. Please come out to cast your vote.

The second part of Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8th at the Bear River Grange. Potluck supper will begin at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow townspeople. [illegible] town meeting articles on our website at www.newrymaine.org. Town reports will be available at the meeting or you can stop at the town office to pick up a copy.

This weekend in Bethel, the Democratic and Republican Caucuses will take place at Telstar Regional High School. The Republican Caucus will be on Saturday, March 5 beginning at 1p.m. The Democratic Caucus will be on Sunday, March 6 beginning at 3 p.m. The area Registrars will be on hand one hour before caucus begins to register residents to vote. In order to be able to attend your party of choice caucus, you must be already enrolled in that party. The day of the Caucus, the Registrars will be on hand to register only new voters or change un-enrolled voters to a respective qualified party.

We would like to update the Newry residents on the school withdrawal initiative that began in September of 2014. Here is a summary of the process and where we are now: the negotiations for a withdrawal agreement between Newry's appointed committee and SAD 44 have not been successful. Both sides attended two mediation sessions to help with the negotiation process; they could not reach an agreement that was satisfactory to both sides. The SAD 44 School Board voted to form a "Cost Sharing" committee, to look at possibly changing how the school budget is funded by the area towns. The vote by the School Board was contingent on the Town of Newry initiating a warrant article to allow Newry voters to consider if they wish to terminate the withdrawal process. The Selectmen have replied to the School Board that we will ask the voters of Newry on June 14, 2016 if they want to stop the process. This vote will be scheduled in June as long as the Cost Sharing committee is formed and the work begins. If you'd like to read more detailed information regarding the process, the Newry Withdrawal Committee meeting minutes are available on our website www.newrymaine.org.

There will be a free skiing day at Sunday River for SAD 44 residents on Sunday, March 13. Free lift tickets, rentals and 50% of food. Bring your driver's license, student ID or report card to show proof of residency.

Here's your historical tidbit from the Newry Archives: The Town Meeting Warrant used to be posted on the Covered Bridge, as that was considered a conspicuous public meeting place.

Until next time....stay informed, ask questions and get involved!

Conflict

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est or the appearance of impropriety.

"The implications that a successful Newry withdrawal effort could impact [Hanscom's] job cannot be denied," he said in a statement to the board.

"We're withdrawing from the school district," Morton added. "She works for the guy in charge. That doesn't influence anybody's decision?"

He said in the case of a personal financial interest the other selectmen should decide if a conflict exists, while for an appearance of a conflict "it is a matter of the perception from the community at large that determines the conflict. Because of these circumstances the appearance of a conflict is clear. I believe that Wendy Hanscom is disqualified from any further actions as regards to issues involving SAD 44 withdrawal or the cost sharing formula, or appointments to the cost sharing formula committee."

The SAD 44 School Board last week voted to establish a committee to consider a change to the formula for how the tax burden is shared among district towns. The focus would be the possibility of shifting some of Newry's current share to the other towns. Some officials see a potential change as a way to keep Newry - and its large tax base - in SAD 44.

The individual selectboards in each town must now make appointments to that committee, including the appointment of one of their own members, if they wish.

DISCLOSURE

Regarding the Newry selectmen's recent vote to set a June 14 town referendum on stopping the withdrawal process, Newry Town Administrator Amy Bernard told Morton that Hanscom had followed the law by stating prior to the board vote that she worked for SAD 44.

Bernard said there was no financial gain for Hanscom by putting the vote before townspeople, who would decide on the withdrawal process.

Bernard said she did not see that any of the three tests for conflict of interest applied to Hanscom's vote on the referendum.

Morton, however, said Hanscom should have abstained.

Hanscom cited a legal opinion obtained when the withdrawal committee was established, which said a selectman could abstain from a vote or disclose employment prior to voting, "which is what I did," she said.

"The conflict of interest is always tough," commented Largess.

"But I think you all have a conflict here," said Bernard, noting the SAD 44 connections for the three selectmen.

However, she added, in such a situation "you just have to disclose that you have an interest, then I don't think there's a conflict. You are acknowledging that you have an interest in the vote, that it affects your personal life. But you have to take that hat off and say, 'I'm a selectman of Newry, and I need to vote in the best interest of everyone in Newry."

Morton said that did not happen, however, because the board went against the NWC's recommendation, which was to have townspeople vote on a "pause" in the withdrawal process, not on a complete termination.

SAD 44 requested a termination vote as a condition to start the cost sharing formula effort. The NWC, however, wanted to maintain the withdrawal process in some form as leverage with SAD 44, and a pause would do that, they said.

Largess said the town could still vote "no" and keep the withdrawal process going.

"The challenge we had with the withdrawal process was we weren't getting a chance to vote," he said. "I think it should be done, but the way the process was going, I don't think we were going to get there."

Largess went on to say, "I get the appearance of a conflict. That I can see. Wendy is saying 'I'm disclosing that.'"

But, said Morton, "from where I'm sitting out here, in the general public, that's not good enough."

Replied Hanscom, "Based on your speculation that the superintendent has any influence on me, or that I can't take one hat off and wear another. And legally, I'm entitled to to take one hat off and wear another. That's what I intend to do for the next year."

Morton said the other two selectmen should have decided on Hanscom's situation, not she herself.

He also said that had Hanscom abstained in the recent board vote, it could have made a difference, had Wight voted with the NWC.

"I'm for an honest process," Morton added. "I haven't made a decision on withdrawal because we haven't had anything before us [to vote on]."

The discussion then concluded and the board moved on to other business.

Morton said later that "although the issue has not been fully considered past the first part of the legislation, I do not intend further action on this matter."

PART 2: NWC

At last Thursday's Newry Withdrawal Committee meeting, the discussion on conflict of interest continued when NWC Chairman Jim Sysko asked Morton about his concerns.

Morton outlined them again.

Attorney Dan Stockford, the NWC's legal consultant, said the law stipulates an official in that type of situation can address the conflict by either disclosing the interest and still voting, or abstaining from the vote.

The law, he said, "leaves that decision in the hands of the public official and their conscience."

He said he could not see anything unlawful about how Hanscom handled it, based on the description.

Stockford said such situations are often the reality in small towns, and that was why the Legislature decided not to be more strict in the law.

"There could be so many conflicts that it would be impossible to govern," he said.

The recourse for town residents who feel a public official does not act appropriately in deciding whether to vote on an issue "is not to re-elect them," said Stockford.

OTHER NWC BUSINESS

The NWC also discussed the upcoming cost-sharing formula process:

The committee learned from Stockford that when selectmen from each town appoint their representatives to the formula committee, they have the option to chooose a second citizen at large to serve, rather than a selectman. A school director must also be chosen.

Selectman Gary Wight, an NWC member, said if steps are not taken toward a formula change, Newry selectmen would not sign the warrant for the June 14 vote.

If Newry votes in June to continue the withdrawal process, resident Gary Drown said he knows of private citizens willing to contribute for the added cost. "I have not heard anyone say that 'you guys need to stop this process,'" he said.

He said he has spoken to people who typically do not vote, but who said they would vote in this case to support keeping the NWC going.

Also discussed was the possibility of Newry going to court over SAD 44's refusal to provide more counterproposals in the negotiations on a withdrawal agreement.

Stockford was asked to estimate generally the potential cost of such a move, He estimated roughly it could be from $25,000 to $75,000, depending on the complexity of the process.

Our Back Pages

10 years ago: Thanks to the generosity of area ski resorts and organizations, organizers of the annual Bill Koch New England Ski Festival were able to make manmade snow on Gould's lower athletic field so the scheduled events could take place.

Deaths: Carolyn Brown, Margaret F. Quinlan, Gwenn G. Hoyt, Edith Mae Hathaway.

20 years ago: The Oxford Bear Lodge, K of P held their installation of officers at the Community Hall in Hanover.

About 40 Telstar Middle School students took part in a sliding party and dance at Mt. Abram.

Births: Taran Collin Wilson, Sawyer James Harkins, Hannah Frances Hallam, Cathryn Louise Haberman-Fake, Jacob Daniel McGurn.

Deaths: Eunice J. Fox Phister, Christopher R. Crockett, Alma P. Richard, Robert E. Ferreira, Sr.

30 years ago: Over $35,000 was raised for the Maine Handicapped Skiing program during the VTF competition at Sunday River Ski Resort.

Woodstock selectmen voiced their support for adoption of the town manager form of government.

Deaths: Nathalie Farrell, Wilma V. Brooks Heaward, Alice Poulin Harvey, Eric Cameron, Maurice L. Kendall, Rex C. Bennett, Charles E. (Pete) Lawrence, Irene A. Walker.

40 years ago: Cub Scouts from Pack 566 held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet at the Telstar cafeteria with 113 in attendance.

Gould Academy student Tom Pitcher attended the Junior Eastern Championship Race in Hunter, N.Y., as a member of the state of Maine Ski Team.

Deaths: Mrs. Stella Ring, Edward R. Swain, Mrs. Ruth Stowell Hodgkins, Everard H. Harlow.

50 years ago: A drive was on to purchase a human skeleton for use by the Science Dept. at Crescent Park School. Purchased outright it would cost $330; through Green Stamps it was 165 books.

Deaths: Mrs. Cecil Smith Reed, Urbain Decormier, Vivian M. Akers, David A. Glines.

60 years ago: The Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet held at the Congregational Church dining room was attended by about 150 Cubs, parents and guests.

Mrs. Clayton Bane and Barbara returned home after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuzyk and Peter in Belmont, Mass.

Birth: Douglas Kenneth Mott.

Death: George L. Smith.

70 years ago: Witter's Lunch Room in Gilead was burned. The fire was of undetermined origin, and loss was unestimated.

Death: Miss Rose Harvey.

80 years ago: Howard Bailey was elected road commissioner of Bethel.

Appropriations at the annual Bethel town meeting totaled $40,788.50.

90 years ago: The Bethel Boy Scouts basketball team played the Gould freshmen.

Money was voted to put tar on Main and Church streets.

Deaths: Charles Mellen Kimball, Alice Marion Winslow.

110 years ago: The Ladies' Aid of North Newry gave a chicken pie supper at Kilgore's hall. Supper was 25¢

A children's private dancing school was being held at the Prospect Hotel. Mrs. Edwin Rowe was director, and Miss Elsie Hall, pianist. The price for 12 lessons was $2.

Death: Miss Mary Shehan.

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Wanted: SAD 44 tax shift committee members

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock and Greenwood are seeking volunteers for the SAD 44 cost-sharing committee that will consider a new formula for spreading the district tax burden among the towns.

A proposal crafted by the committee could potentially shift some of Newry's current share to the other towns, in the interest of preventing Newry from withdrawing.

All district towns received a letter Tuesday from SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy outlining the funding formula process. Any proposed changes would have to be approved in a district-wide referendum.

[illegible] appoint two representatives to the cost sharing committee. One may be a selectman, but that is not required.

Woodstock selectmen indicated Tuesday they wish to appoint one of their own, and one at large citizen. Any interested citizen is asked to contact the Town Office (665-2668).

In a brief discussion at Tuesday's board meeting, Selectman Steve Bies asked if Selectman Ron Deegan would have the appearance of a conflict of interest if he were on the committee because he is a district employee. Bies said he had faith in Deegan's integrity, but appearance was the concern.

Deegan said he did not believe it would be a problem, if he disclosed the relationship.

Town Manager Vern Maxfield said he thought Deegan "would bring a lot to the committee" because of his knowledge.

The officials agreed to wait to discuss the situation further at their next meeting, when Selectman Mike Nadeau will be present. He was not there on Tuesday.

Greenwood selectmen decided Tuesday to appoint two at large citizens, and not include a selectman. Interested people may contact the Town Office (875-2773).

Newry selectmen did not take up the issue at their Tuesday meeting, according to town officials.

Bethel selectmen do not meet again until March 14.

Murphy said in his letter that once it is determined how long it will take for committee appointments, and a facilitator is chosen, he will provide a 15-day notice of the first meeting.

HEART & SOUL

On another issue shared among area towns, the select boards in Bethel Greenwood have recently approved resolutions supporting the Heart & Soul project.

It is described as a program that follows an explicit process to bring community members into projects supporting business, nonprofits municipal activities and other community projects.

Some of the towns were initially wary of the program out of concerns about financing and time commitment.

Newry is expected to hear a presentation on the program.

GREENWOOD ROAD BOND

In a special Town Meeting held after the Greenwood selectmen's meeting, about a dozen voters approved up to $750,000 for a road bond for improvements to the Richardson Hollow, Hayes Hill, Patch Mountain and possibly part of the Rowe Hill roads.

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into three programs that each include all five of the artists who performed in the series.

"We are also looking for donations of music from local musicians that we can use for background music for video montages and/or to play on the air when our events calendar is being televised," Howe said, adding that artists would be credited when their songs are used on the air.

Volunteers needed

Currently, Howe and WHAT directors Morton, Clark, and Deanna Fowles, who represents SAD 44 on the board, do most of the taping of local events themselves, putting in countless volunteer hours.

The team has plenty of energy, enthusiasm, and ideas, but they all agreed that more volunteer help, or more funding to enable them to pay videographers, is needed in order for the station to expand its offerings.

In the past, popular programs have included candidate forums, town meetings, and interview shows, and even a local cooking show.

They would like to film and air the Bethel Library's Story Time for children to watch at home. A similar program called Story Connections, produced by the South Paris Library, has become very popular on the Norway/Paris Community Television station, they said.

They also have a few ideas they hope will expand the pool of local videographers.

"Part of our dream is to have an adult ed class in film production and editing," said Morton.

The team has also discussed the possibility of sponsoring an amateur film contest to get people interested in learning how to use the equipment to produce and edit their own footage.

Ideally, they said, people who belong to local organizations could use the station's equipment to film their group's meetings and events, then do their own editing, presenting broadcast-ready footage for WHAT to air.

Franchise fees and local access

The Bethel area's local access station was first created soon after cable television service first came to the area, more than a quarter-century ago. (See related story.)

The federal Cable Communication Act of 1984 gives municipalities the right to grant and renew franchise licenses for cable operators.

In return, cable companies are required to provide the general public in the communities they serve with "the widest possible diversity of information sources and services."

This is usually accomplished by providing access to non-commercial public, educational, and government (PEG) cable television channels, funded by franchise fees from cable subscribers.

Cable operators pay municipalities up to five percent of their revenue in franchise fees, which can be renegotiated every ten years, when the franchise agreement comes up for renewal.

At a recent meeting of the Community Television Association of Maine, a statewide non-profit networking organization for community television stations, Morton learned that when franchise agreements are renewed, towns are also eligible for grants from the cable company to upgrade equipment at local access stations.

Although franchise fees are intended to be used by municipalities to support PEG channels, there is no specific legal requirement that they be earmarked by the towns for that purpose, and area towns differ in how they use the funds.

Both Woodstock and Greenwood turn over the total amount of franchise fees they receive from Time Warner to support the local access station, while Bethel commits half of the franchise fee revenue they collect to WHAT and places half in the town's general fund.

Morton said Newry has lagged behind the other towns. Last year, he said, his town collected about $12,000 in franchise fees, but contributed only $1,000 to the local access station, something he hopes will change in the near future.

"The Newry selectmen are on board with increasing the funding," he said.

"We're going places"

Howe has been involved with the local access station for many years, and took over as station manager from Lainey Cross seven years ago, after he retired from teaching at Telstar Middle School.

"During my first six years as station manager, there really wasn't an active board," he said.

Over the years, people who had been involved with the station in its early days had moved or passed away, and most of the help he received came from student volunteers.

Recently, former board member Cathy Newell of Greenwood led an effort to reorganize the station's board of directors, calling on each area town to send one representative to the board.

Morton, who serves as the board's chairman, said it was the first time that Newry had ever appointed an official board member.

The WHAT directors emphasized that funding provided to the local access station by the towns does not come from the real estate tax revenues that support each town's general fund. Instead, franchise fees are collected from customers as part of their cable bill, and the board would like to see all of those funds used to support their work.

"We have big ideas, but more funding would make those big ideas more likely to happen," Howe said.

In the meantime, the enthusiastic group is doing all it can to stretch its limited resources, and having fun in the process.

"We laugh a lot," said Howe, who said he is enjoying the job of station manager more now than ever before. "I can see that we're going places."

To volunteer or learn more, contact Western Hills Access Television at the station's office at Telstar by phone at 824-2136, ext. 1325 or by email at channelIV@mail.com.

The "WHAT-4": Western Hills Access Television station manager Wayne Howe, seated, and board members Brooks Morton, Jewel Clark, and Deanna Fowles. *A. Wight CHapman*

25 years of local access TV

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

One of the first local programs filmed and placed on the air by Bethel's local access television station after its 1991 founding was coverage of the Town of Greenwood's 175th birthday celebration.

This year, during the weekend of Aug. 12 through 14, Greenwood will mark the 200th anniversary of its incorporation, and, once again, volunteers from the station, now known as Western Hills Access Television, will be on hand to record the celebratory events for broadcast.

"I recall that the Greenwood 175th was one of our more elaborate initial efforts," said Cathy Newell, reminiscing about the history of local access television in the Bethel area.

In 1985 Newell and Ted Chadbourne, frustrated with the lack of reception for public television station WCBB, had led a successful drive to raise $5,000 for an antenna on the Bailey Road to boost that station's signal.

Although cable television had been available in larger markets for quite some time, Newell said, in the Bethel area in the mid-1980s "there seemed little activity on the cable front and many people could not get public television."

"Cable did come to Bethel shortly thereafter and the franchise agreement provided for an access channel, [which] soon became the focus of interest," she said.

She and Telstar administrator Ted Davis co-wrote a proposal and an exploratory committee was formed in 1986 to study the possibility of a local access channel.

After negotiations among the selectmen of the SAD 44 towns, an ad hoc committee was established, to be succeeded eventually by a board of directors.

"The real founding was in 1991 with things getting going with some advice and hands-on help from the Rumford access channel and the Oxford Hills channel," Newell said.

"A local group including Pat Dooen and Dick Melville worked on it. [It got] started with some programming and a computer generated calendar. Cheryl Eliot, Dave Tripp, and Charlie Raymond [were] involved in the first meetings."

The station was managed by the SAD 44 Adult Education department, Newell said, and as the district's longtime Adult Education director, she was directly involved with its operations for many years.

"We visited access stations in Portland, had the first studio over in the custodian area by the middle school office, and soon moved to the current studio, which ironically had been in the original plans for Telstar as some sort of AV space," she said.

She recalled Tom Remington, Gary Inman, Andrew Wheeler, Natalie Timberlake, Dick Melville, and Linwood Hanson as key early volunteers, along with Joe Cole and Raymond Seames.

"Nan Timberlake did some really nice interview shows—cooking with Sis Post, interviews with the founders of Sunday River, the Rotary dinners."

There were a few humorous incidents in the early days. Newell remembered the day the station broadcast "Rufus Home Alone."

"There was some training in the studio and they needed to take the calendar off the air," she said. "One of the Remingtons popped a tape in, and apparently it was a tape of their dog that had been done to see what the beast did when home alone. Viewers' dogs went berserk and people were calling to see what was going on!"

Newell said that by 2009, it was clear that the station needed revitalization. She and former Bethel Town Manager Scott Cole began working with area towns in an effort to reorganize the board.

"When Scott left [Bethel to work for Oxford County] the effort stalled. Last year I was determined to get it done and we were able to turn things over to the new board by summer," she said.

With an enthusiastic team at the helm, Newell is glad to see Western Hills Access Television head into its next quarter-century with renewed energy.

"I am thrilled that the station is getting streaming going as so many of the area residents without cable, as well as those living away, can see the 'classics' as well as the new programs."

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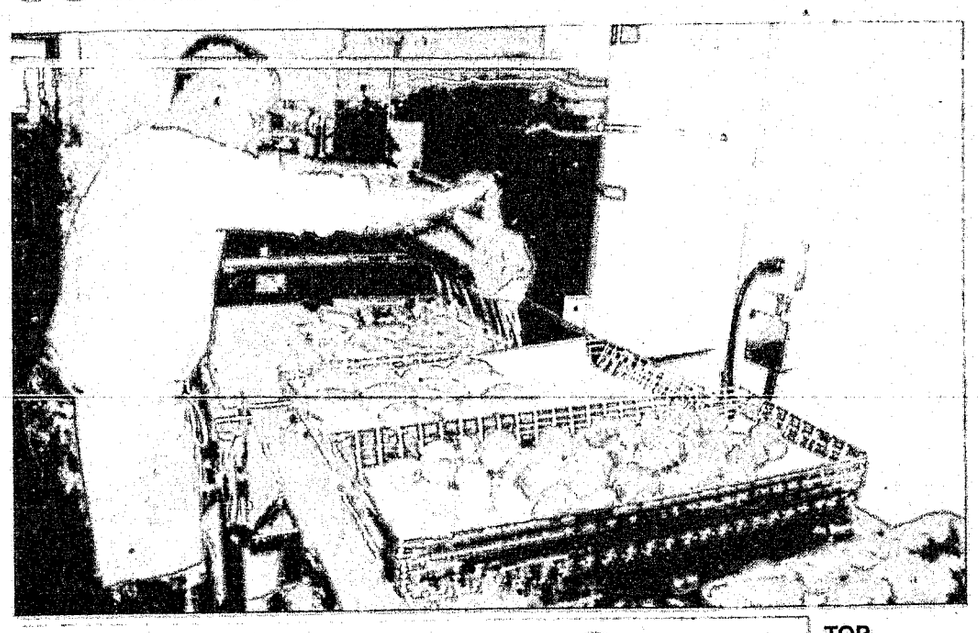

TOP
Mitch Cooper glazes a batch of donuts at the Sunday River Brewing Co.

LEFT
Cooper and Rick Savage with trays of donuts.

A. Aloisio

By ALISON ALOISIO

The supersized donuts that Mitch Cooper is turning out at the Sunday River Brewing Co. in Bethel are being gobbled up at a rate of 120 dozen a day.

"They're buying them all day into the night," said Brew Pub owner Rick Savage, adding that the restaurant is even using them in desserts, such as sundaes.

Cooper's creations are part of his New Orleans heritage.

"My uncle was a baker," he said. As a child, Cooper remembers, he used to fall asleep on the huge bags of dough stacked in the restaurant.

"I've been making donuts for 25 years, since I was a teenager," he said.

Last year he came to Bethel to visit a relative, and ultimately decided to stay. He worked as a carpenter for a time.

A few months ago he met Savage, and they talked about adding a donut-making operation at the Brew Pub.

After they put a 12-by-21 square foot addition on to the building and set up all the equipment, Cooper began cranking out donuts about three weeks ago. He rises at 1:30 a.m. each morning and works until about 8 a.m.

He uses the same Southern recipe for the dough he did in Louisiana. The most noticeable visual difference between his donuts and traditional ones is the size. A regular donut is about 3 inches across, said Cooper, and his are 3 1/2 inches. It may not sound like much, but it translates to nearly twice the amount of dough, he said.

That, for some people, makes one donut a meal in itself.

There seems to be an endless variety of flavors - glazed chocolate, sprinkled, lemon jelly, Boston Creme, apple fritters and cake, to name a few, as well as different shapes - bow ties, bear claws and twists.

"The kids like the sprinkled and chocolate ones," said Savage.

As word of the freshly-made donuts has spread, skiers heading to Sunday River have stopped, as well as people traveling by on Route 2 on their way to work, he said.

Prices range from $1.50 for a single donut to $7 for six and $14 for a dozen.

"We're giving you double for what you pay," said Cooper.

They also do special orders, events and deliveries.

Cooper plans to soon start offering "beignets," a squarish, flat pastry made of the same dough and covered with confectioner's sugar. It's a New Orleans specialty, he said.

He has been working seven days a week as they get the operation up and running. Once established, another person will be hired to help out.

Meanwhile, Cooper is happy to be back doing what he loves.

"I enjoy it," he said. "I wouldn't change it for anything in the world."

Sonya

Continued from page 1

amazing the number of people who came up and talked to us," he said.

He wondered if there might be a job for Sonya at Sunday River.

He knew that in the Western U.S. dogs are trained by Ski Patrol for search and rescue in avalanche areas. Although that is not much of a risk in the East, Schneider thought there might still be a role for his dog to play on the patrol, as an "ambassador."

So last season he began teaching her to be comfortable around crowds, skis and ski boots, as well to acclimate to being outside most of the day. And there was also general obedience training.

The next step was getting her confortable with riding the lift.

"We started with the gondola," he said, to make her feel the most secure. She then graduated to the open chairs, which Schneider said went relatively easily.

Through all of this Sonya began serving her ambassadorial role. Skiers quickly took to her, and for Schneider, Sonya served as a good ice breaker to start a conversation, if needed, about ski safety.

The pair also stopped in the "slow zones," and waited for people to approach them.

"We had some amazing guest contacts," he said.

Kids, he said, wanted to come up and "get a good hug from her."

Sonya now enjoys riding the lift and looking down at everyone, anticipating getting to the top, running on the trails and greeting more people.

How she negotiates the trails depends on how crowded they are, Schneider said. Sometimes she is on a long lead and runs ahead of him. Sometimes he has her sit and stay while he goes a little way ahead, then motions to her to come.

Then there's the carry. "I ski down carrying her over my shoulder," he said.

Sonya weighs about 50 pounds.

In addition to her role as ambassador, Sonya also sometimes plays the role of comforter to an injured skier, sitting nearby as the patrollers assist.

"We've had some very good feedback," said Schneider. He said a relative of a child who was injured last season "stopped me this year and said how great it had been to have Sonya there."

The canine patroller is also learning a new skill - tracking.

"Someone goes out in the woods and gets lost for us," he said. "She'll go and run the track and find them."

It's part of a separate training program for her to be certified as a search dog. Schneider said time will tell whether there might be a job for her in that area.

Sonya is also a You Tube star. She was filmed in January on the slopes at Sunday River, and she also did her own filming with a Go-Pro camera. Search "Sunday River ski patrol dog" on You Tube to find her.

Above left, Annabelle Carlton, 7, of Monmouth pats Sonya outside South Ridge Lodge. Above right, Greg Schneider and Sonya at Ski Patrol headquarters. Schneider is also a flight nurse with Boston Med Flight. Sonya's full name is "Heads Up Whistlers Soñador."

A. Aloisio

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I gave a friend a ride to Wal Mart the other evening. My back was causing me some pain so I decided to wait in my van and listen to the radio thinking my friend wouldn't be too long.

I was wrong and my friend took quite a bit of time, so out of boredom I started people watching. I was surprised at how many people were coming and going at 8 p.m. on a week night. The store was actually quite busy.

I noticed that some people looked like they would much rather be home with their shoes off and watching television and they made a quick trip of getting in, getting whatever it was that brought them out and getting back to their vehicles as soon as possible.

There were other people who appeared to be rather excited about being there and were almost skipping to get inside. I'm a person who usually dreads shopping of any kind and I certainly don't remember skipping into a store.

Then I observed several people, including some of the skippers, were exiting the store with obvious large purchases or shopping carts heaping with bags. I was a bit perplexed until it dawned on me that these were people who probably were celebrating an income tax return. Good for them!

A few days later one of my grandsons was visiting and he was darn near vibrating with excitement because he was getting an income tax return, his first ever, within the week. He had been tracking it online shortly after mailing it off to the IRS. Good for him!

As a senior citizen there are a lot of things I miss from years gone by like a back that doesn't hurt, sleeping through the night without visiting the bathroom, my own teeth and getting an income tax check in the mail.

"Saddle up kids; the Bouchards are going shopping!"

In the days before you could check the status of your tax return online I would check the mail with hopeful anticipation, only to experience a big let-down when the check was not there. It seemed to take forever and the IRS seemed to be a lot less efficient than they are now.

When the check finally arrived there was much excitement in the house and I couldn't wait to get to the bank and cash in hand.

In the long weeks while we were waiting for the check to arrive, Henry and I would discuss what bills we should get ahead on, maybe make an extra car payment, even put some money in savings. Very responsible and smart thinking.

But, when that money was in our hands all thoughts of being responsible and smart were no longer discussed and it was, "Saddle up kids; the Bouchards are going shopping!"

We were not totally irresponsible because the kids always needed some new clothes and shoes, and of course, groceries were needed; I'm talking significant groceries with meats other than hamburger and a lot of treats.

Naturally the kids each got some kind of toy and even Mom and Dad usually got something special. However, for me the best part of the income tax return was going out to eat at a restaurant ... a restaurant with real plates and cloth napkins.

Those days are lost to us senior citizens forever, but I sure have some good memories of those times.

If for some reason the government changed things and us seniors got something like a rebate check in the mail, well, the way I see it that would have me skipping into Wal Mart too and that would be good for me.

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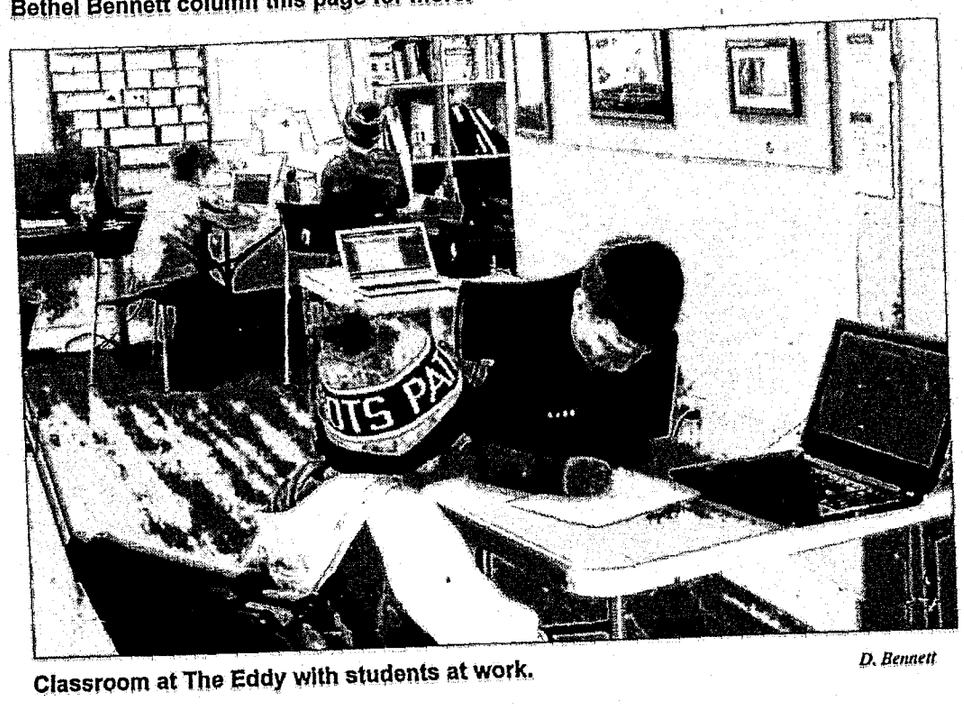
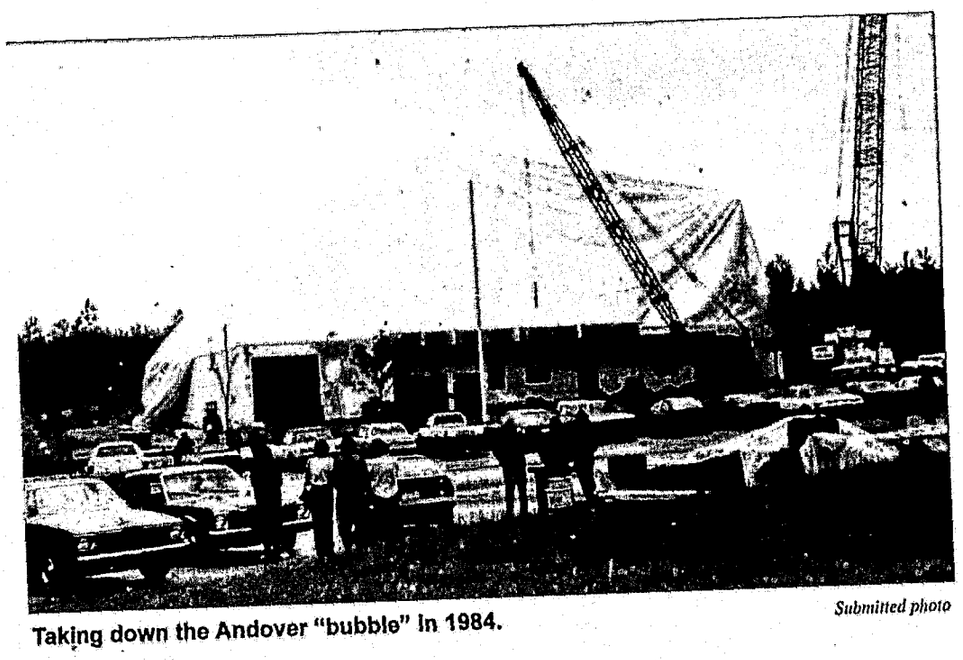
Tools needed for trail construction workshop at Saturday's trail skills summit. See Bethel Bennett column this page for more. *D. Bennett*



Classroom at The Eddy with students at work. *D. Bennett*



Taking down the Andover "bubble" in 1984. *Submitted photo*

Bethel

By DON BENNETT

Open House at The Eddy School

While I was there Monday all the students were working in pairs – very impressive to see how well the young students work together. Instead of old fashioned black boards The Eddy School walls are what I would call the "Learning Walls" – interesting to browse and a fine way to see what the Eddy students are learning. I ended up spending quite a few minutes thinking about how I would answer some the questions posed by the different topics.

Deb Webster told me 28 students have enrolled there since the school opened on Sept. 6, 2011. One of their current projects is building a bridge. Jim Sysko has been providing some bridge information from his current job which is a new bridge at the Balsams Resort. He also provided some topographic maps of the bridge site that have contour lines for the Eddy students to learn about what maps can tell them. One "learning wall" chart lists and describes the different types of bridges.

Trail Skills Summit; trail learning, development, maintenance

Claire Polfus of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and Gabe Perkins of Mahoosuc Pathways were facilitators for the day of workshops at Gould Academy on Saturday for a group of more than 50 high school and college students along with a number of outdoor professionals. The workshops handled the nuts and bolts of trail planning, maintenance, safety and first aid along with handling the tools used to make a trail through the Maine woods. There were peeves, axes, and measuring tapes on hand for the students to handle and learn how to use them in opening a trail.

Other agencies attended as well including the Bryant Pond 4H. Workshops covered, Trail design; maps plus compass and GPS; leadership, introduction to trail tools, tool maintenance, axes, axes and axes; rigging, plant and tree, outdoor emergencies, first aid, and, of course, leadership.

It Happened in 1961

The big history event of the past week was the 1961 news about the start of construction for the Andover Satellite Communications Station. Two items about this project were in the Citizen that year. In March it was reported that AT&T planned a $7,000,000 Satellite Communications Station in Andover. Then in September the Citizen reported the start of site construction.

September 1961 – Inflating the Radome; reported in the Bethel Citizen: At the Andover Satellite Communications Station the 160 feet high and 210 feet across Radome was inflated. It had a temporary cover that was about five-hundredths of an inch thick and was supported by a pressure of one-tenth of a pound per square inch greater than the outside atmospheric pressure.

This news item along with two photos I had: one of the inflated Radome and one showing it (I found out later) being taken down, but I thought it was going up until Jim Coolidge noted that "By the looks of the 70s and 80s vehicles here, these photos must have been taken when it was deflated in 1984." Anyway, that news item and the two photos in the Bethel Journals Facebook page as of Sunday afternoon have reached over 6,800 people. From some of the comments it seems like some of those who saw the entry and photos had worked at the Andover site.

Kathy and I went there a number of times and one time was in 1982 when her parents were visiting us. By then, AT&T had a staff member at the site to brief visitors about the site's history and development.

At one such gathering a fairly elderly woman asked the briefer why Andover had been chosen for this project.

He explained that a location in Western Maine Mountains was needed and it should be away from as much radio interference as possible but the briefer seemed to imply that Andover being on the edge of civilization and far from radio interference as possible made it the ideal spot. At that moment you see the woman's jaw sort of clamp tight – meaning so we live on the edge of civilization do we?

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

This week gardeners in Oxford and Norway reported that daffodils and other spring flowers have emerged.

On Sunday I took a tour through the swamp near our house to check on skunk cabbages, which usually bloom in March before the other wild flowers. I didn't find any. But this winter has been a good example of how global warming is slowly increasing our average annual temperatures.

Here in Bethel we have had only 50 percent of the snowfall we had last year and the warm temperatures have melted much of the snow in the valleys. We used to think that plants and animals had life cycles that occurred like clockwork, but global warming impacts wildlife by disrupting the timing of natural events, such as plants blooming, birds migrating, and animals reproducing. I've been keeping a phenology journal for several years. Phenology is basically the study of how plants and animals respond to seasonal and climate changes.

Phenologists track things like the dates that plants bloom, bird sightings at feeders, when the peepers are first heard, and when the lakes and ponds freeze and thaw. By sharing this information we can track changes in the health of a species and how that may affect ecosystems.

There are dozens of phenology citizen science programs that people can participate in. The National Phenology Network (www.usanpn.org) has an online program where both amateur and professional naturalists can record observations of plants and animals to create data sets used for scientific research.

Yesterday, March 2, was Dr. Seuss' birthday. What better way to remember Dr. Seuss than reading to a child. Dr. Seuss said, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

That is a good advertisement for Story Time at the Bethel Library, the first and third Thursdays of the month at 10 a.m. We probably all have a favorite Dr. Seuss quote. Mine is from Oh, the Places You'll Go: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

On Sunday, March 13, Dottie Adams will be the guest speaker at the Bethel United Methodist Church service. Adams is a volunteer with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and will speak on "FaithNet's Bridges of Hope," a new program whose purpose is to educate clergy, congregations, and other spiritual communities about mental illness so that they can create stronger safety nets and welcoming communities for people living with serious mental illness and their families. The church service is at 9 a.m. at 79 Main Street in Bethel.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL

If you told me how much in love I would be at 63, I wouldn't have believed you. My grandson was born Feb. 20 and I had reservations on Amtrak to arrive on the 25th to meet him in person. And yes, it was love at first sight. But first I'd like to tell you how we traveled the approximately 2,230 miles across the continent of North America.

My dad is 86 and widowed and I have charge of his welfare. We decided to travel across country to see our new family

From the

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Feb. 23

At 3:10 p.m. a lifetime sex offender from Bethel called to inform of the location of his new employment. Updates were made.

Thursday, Feb. 25

At 6:37 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a radar detail in the school zone on Route 26 in Bethel. One vehicle was stopped and issued a written warning for speeding.

At 9:27 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a medical call on the West Bethel Road in Bethel. He assisted in locating and loading the patient.

At 3:52 a.m. Deputy Josh Aylward responded to the intersection of Vernon Street and Paradise Road for a car-tree accident. The driver was checked by Bethel Rescue and released.

At 4:35 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to a two-vehicle crash on the Sunday River Road in Bethel.

At 5:55 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer investigated a minor two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Main and High streets in Bethel.

At 6:20 p.m. Deputies Steve Witham and Nathan Bowie and Cpl. George Cayer responded to a Walkers Mill Road, Bethel residence for a report of a suspicious male trespassing. The subject left in a vehicle and was wanted on unrelated misdemeanor charges.

Friday, Feb. 26

At 2:25 a.m. Deputy Josh Aylward responded to a report of a structure fire on the Songo Pond Road in Bethel. The residence was found to be fully involved and a total loss.

At 7:43 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham and Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Mayville Road in Bethel for a 911 hangup call with a subject sounding like he was in distress in a parking lot. On arrival the subject denied there were any issues.

Monday, Feb. 29

At 7:58 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald received a report of the theft of a purse on Main Street in Bethel. Contact with the victim was made for a report.

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member. We could go by car estimated 36 hours of driving and $250 in gas... overnight hotel stays and food would probably cost around about $600 and I didn't want the responsibility of all that driving. We could fly into Gunnison from Boston but still after spending $300 each for a one way ticket we'd be an hour away and have to rent a car or something. Flying with dad might be difficult with no leg room and 2-3 plane changes.

After much discussion we decided to get Amtrak tickets and spend 2 nights aboard the train. We drove to Portland Maine and got a bus to Boston South Station where the Red Caps handle you and your luggage making it a much easier travel experience. The trip from Boston to Albany, N.Y. was uneventful and the Berkshires were smaller than I had imagined.

After switching trains in Albany we had a sleeper car for the next 20 hours which was a new adventure for both of us. After a night on the Albany to Chicago train we changed onto a bigger train which goes through to California. In fact it's called the California Zephr. We had coach seating all the way to Colorado.

The last of our trip to Grand Junction we traveled up and over the Rocky Mountains through passes and tunnels and ski resort villages, and hot spring resorts.

The views were most spectacular as the train climbed over the Continental Divide and followed along the Colorado River valley. We arrived in GJ and met Eva and Dean and their three kiddos.

Yes, I am in love with a younger man, as I write he is just 10 days old and growing like a weed. Our trip on Amtrak cost $253 pp one way including 2 meals and we made many new friends along the route. What a great adventure we're on.

Do call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com and keep me posted.

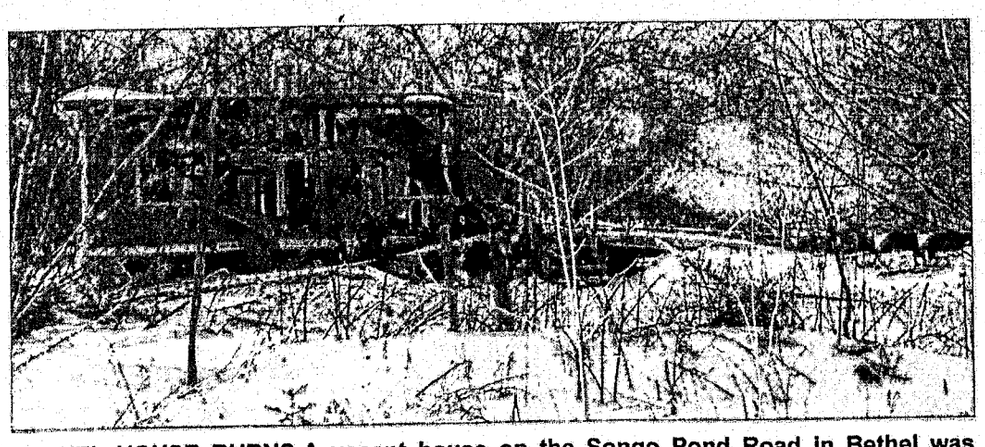
Roger and Lynne Zimmerman recently returned from Yellowstone National Park where they were leading a group of back-country skiers. The weather was cold, and the snow was plentiful and wonderful. It was hard to leave. Also in January, Roger took a very interesting course in "Animal Intelligence" at Yellowstone Association.

Think spring.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

It seems hard to believe that it is already March and a busy month it will be. Changing the clocks, first day of spring and Easter all in March. One can already hear the birds in the mornings, which makes me wonder when the robins will be sighted this year. As you may recall some robins migrate and some retreat deeper into the woods for the winter months. Oh, and let's not forget the loons. It will be interesting to say the least.



BETHEL HOUSE BURNS-A vacant house on the Songo Pond Road in Bethel was destroyed by fire in the early morning hours of Feb. 26, according to Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey. His department had just been called to assist with another structure fire in West Paris when the Bethel call came in. "The building was basically flat when it was called in," said Jodrey. "I had already sent one man and a tanker to West Paris earlier. Mexico and Rumford fire were also enroute to West Paris and were diverted on to Bethel instead. Newry also responded, but it was basically putting the ash pile out at that time." The case was turned over to the state Fire Marshal's office for investigation, Jodrey said. "Any time a vacant building bursts into flames, it is considered suspicious, especially with the amount of damage done," he said. Two investigators came to Bethel last Friday to meet with Jodrey and the Oxford County Sheriff's Dept., Jodrey said, but there have been no further updates as of press time. The ownership of the property is currently uncertain due to recent changes, he said. *A. Aloisio*

Andover

By JANE RICH

The Town has been notified by Maine DOT of two bridge projects scheduled for this spring. The Lovejoy covered bridge will be re-roofed in the month of May. In June the bridge at Farrington's mill will be repaired. Both projects will necessitate detours for the time construction is taking place. More information will be forthcoming.

Absentee ballots for the March 22 Town Election are available at the Town Office and the last day for filing an absentee ballot is March 17. The Town will be electing one Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor and filling two School Board positions. Only one person has filed papers for one School Board position so a write-in candidate is possible. Think about it. Being on the School Board is a great way to serve the community and necessary for the smooth operation of our School Department.

Hope Peterson, Secretary to the Selectmen has notified the Board that the Annual Town Report is now at the printers. The cover of the report features three pictures drawn by students at Andover Elementary. The winners of the drawing contest received gift certificates for a family size pizza, 2 liter soda and a bag of chips courtesy of Selectmen Jim Adler and Keith Farrington. Copies of the report will be mailed to citizens as soon as they come back from the printers and in time for people to familiarize themselves with the financial position of the Town and the various articles to be voted on at Town Meeting on March 19. Luncheon will be served at the meeting by the Andover Service Circle which has been a tradition for many years.

In a recent discussion on politics in a public setting, I was amazed to find out that people do not understand how the Caucus system in Maine works and how important it is in the selection of a party candidate either Republican or Democrat. Many people do not realize that when they register Independent or Unenrolled that they are giving up their ability to select a candidate to represent them. When there are multiple candidates for President, this is very important. People say they will vote in the general election in November, but by not caucusing, they give up an important part of the democratic process. So I urge everyone to caucus this weekend regardless of your party preference and to that end here is some information for you. The Republicans in Oxford County will caucus on Saturday, March 5 at Telstar Regional High School. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. when those who wish to vote for the first time may register as well as change their registration to the Republican Party. Usually there are representatives from the various candidate campaigns present and then you may select your preference for President in the balloting portion of the meeting. The Democrats in the county will be caucusing at various sites. Andover will meet at the Town Hall at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 6. The Town Clerk will also be available here to take new or party change registrations beginning at 12:45 p.m. Campaign representatives will be present and the presidential preference voting will occur after 1:15 p.m. Bob Duplessie is the convener of the caucus.

The Pineland Ski and Outing Club, Inc. at a recent meeting had planned an outing for the Great Maine Outdoors Weekend in mid-February, which was cancelled due to extreme cold. A half mile trip via X-C skis or snowshoes to the Lean-to on the Akers ski trails has now been rescheduled for March 13. A small bonfire will be provided by the Pineland Ski Club. Marshmallows and hotdogs will be available. All ages are welcome.

Those not familiar with the trails will be given a guided tour at 1:30 from the Akers Ski Parking Lot in Andover Village. Meet at the lean-to between 1 and 3 p.m. There is no charge to use the ski trails at any time courtesy of Leon Akers owner of the wood lot. The Pineland Ski Club is hoping to be more active and welcomes new members and their ideas.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

This week I enjoyed learning more about the local access TV station, Western Hills Access Television, for a story I wrote for this issue of the paper. I knew the station televised the Telstar basketball games and various other local events on Time Warner Cable Channel 11, and we often enjoy watching something they broadcast, especially if it's "vintage" footage.

Once last year we happened to tune in when they were showing the Rotary Christmas luncheon for senior citizens from about 15 years earlier, and I got a little teary when I got to see my mom, who died in 2004, enjoying herself with her friends, many of whom have also since passed away.

Another time, more recently, we saw old footage of Jewel Clark and Sammy Chapman performing music at the Sudbury. Watching that, too, was a bittersweet experience, but we couldn't tear ourselves away.

I had never thought much about what goes on behind the scenes, and how much work goes into filming and airing a broad mix of local programs. Now that I know, I realize how fortunate we are to have Wayne Howe and a dedicated crew of volunteers who keep it all going, and I hope after reading about it, more people will pitch in to give them a hand. And I'm very fortunate, too, that I get to learn something new with just about every story I write for the paper.

I took a walk down the Greenwood Road past Round Pond on Sunday. Although I saw a few fishermen out on the ice, from the extent of the bare ground in the woods along the road, the lack of snowbanks, and, especially, the bright orange posters warning of "Heavy Loads Limited," it really looked more like late March than late February.

My former mother-in-law, Mabel Kennett, who was a teacher, always said it was an early spring in Maine if she was able to rake her lawn during her April vacation. Unless we get some big storms in March, it doesn't look like that will be a problem this year.

By the time this issue of the paper comes out, I'll be another year older. I share my birthday (March 2) with Dr. Seuss. It's now known as Read Across America Day, and gets celebrated in schools with a lot of Cat-in-the-Hat-themed hoopla and a lot of special reading events. Since I'd rather be reading than doing just about anything else, and since getting kids to read for enjoyment is something I'm pretty passionate about, I can't think of a better way to have everyone celebrate my birthday. (As long as I also get cake.)

The Greenwood Historical Society has packs of postcards for sale to commemorate the bicentennial. Each pack of five postcards includes scenes of Greenwood as it would have appeared in 1816-1855. The price is $5/pack or $5.50 to have them mailed to you. To order, leave a message on the GHS Facebook page or contact Jim and Julia Bennett at 674-2758 or Blaine Mills at 875-3726. You may also find someone at the GHS building on Main Street on most Saturday mornings. This is the first of several postcard packs that the historical society plans to release throughout the bicentennial year, so don't miss your chance to start building your complete collection.

Have a great week! E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER

Everyone get ready for four days of politicking. This weekend both the Republican Party and the Democratic Party are having their presidential nominating caucuses. Saturday, March 5 is the Republican caucus, and Sunday, March 6 is the Democratic caucus. Be sure to get out and get involved; any registered party member can vote.

After the weekend full of armchair politicking, Newry residents should be ready to vote for our elected officials on Monday, March 7, at the town office from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Gary Wight is running for select board and Whitney Gray is running for School Board. Both candidates are running unopposed. On Tuesday the 8th, it's Town Meeting at 7 o'clock at the Bear River Grange Hall. Preceding the meeting will be a potluck supper at 6 o'clock; come early for dinner. It's always a good time.

I will just mention a few of the warrant items that were talked about at the last select board meeting. The Mountain Explorer is asking for more money this year. There is a warrant to see if the townspeople would like to give the portion of the cable franchise money that it gets and give it to WHAT TV. Most of the money used to go into the general fund. Another item was to see if the citizens would like to keep the two percent discount on taxes paid within 30 days of the billing date. The town administrator reminded the select board that the taxpayers lose money on the discount because money has to be raised to cover the discount. There is a war-

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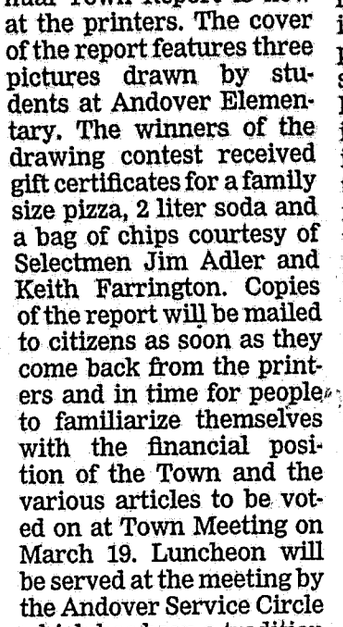

It isn't very difficult to make friends with Jasmine. A little scratch here; a little rub there; a bit more behind the ears, please. That's all it takes to win her over.

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Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tues, Wed, Thurs: 12-4 pm; Fri: 12-6pm; Sat & Sun: 12-5pm. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website atwww.rpc.petfinder.com.

For answers to questions about adopting or fostering a pet, or to make an inquiry about a lost animal, CALL RESPONSIBLE PET CARE AFTER NOON AT 743-8679.

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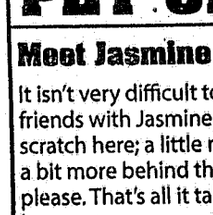

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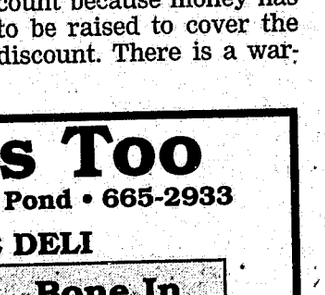

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rant article asking the citizens to decide whether to secure a bond to pave and improve the Sunday River Road from the Monkey Brook intersection to the Letter S. And finally, we will see if the town wants to change from a Jan. 1 fiscal year to a July 1 fiscal year. That way the town can be more concurrent with the school district and also the state.

It's time to get the sapping buckets out and start tapping the sweet nectar from the sugar maple trees. I cook mine off on my wood stove. I try to get a gallon or more of finished syrup every year. Not a lot, but that's a lot of boiling on top of the wood stove! I love doing it. Someday I hope to upgrade my operation but for now I'll stick to the low tech method. Happy boiling.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY

Condolences go out to Elsie Fortin of Hanover, sister of Gordon Brown who passed away on Feb. 24, 2016 at his home in Bryant Pond. He was 86 years old. Mr. Brown was born in Bethel. He served in the US Navy for 27 years in Korea and Vietnam, was a local area logger and the founder of Four Season Realty, having retired from real estate and land management in 2005. He was an avid Red Sox fan and also coached youth baseball. He is survived by his wife Beverly, many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held earlier this week at Chandler Funeral Home in South Paris. Donations in his memory may be made online at www.veteranssupportfund.org.

Congratulations to Ms. Victoria Crockett-Harrington, daughter of Hanover Town Clerk, Kelly Harrington, for having achieved Honor Roll at Telstar High School. Many thanks to Kory Harrington for doing a great job of shoveling the walkways around the Gardner Robert Memorial Library following recent snow events this winter. Big brother Keith has been accepted to Washington County Community College in Calais where he will be studying Heavy Equipment Maintenance. Congratulations, Keith, and good luck!

This weekend the Maine Democratic and Republican Caucuses for Oxford County will take place at Telstar High School, Walkers Mills Road, in Bethel. The Republican Caucus will be Saturday, March 5. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., registration for new and changing party enrollments will begin at 12 noon and caucuses will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. The Democratic Caucus will be Sunday, March 6. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., registration begins at 2 p.m. and voting will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information please visit www.MaineGOP.com or www.MaineDems.org. Let your voice be heard. The more that turn out to vote for your candidate, the more delegates to the State Convention your candidate will get.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

Even with the extra day, February went by pretty fast and that was probably because of all the nice weather we had throughout the month.

My brother, Steve McLain, was kind enough to run an errand in Bethel for me, since I could not get down there to do it myself.

The Gorham, N.H. school district was on vacation last week, so Hugh and I went up to stay with our granddaughter, Sidney, one day last week.

Norm Buttrick stopped by the house last weekend. He called ahead of time so we had the coffee all ready for him when he got here. I also wanted to show him the amaryllis plant that he and Cathy gave me a year ago. Last summer it did not do very much, but right now it has four beautiful blossoms that are about 8-9 inches across. It stands about 36 inches tall.

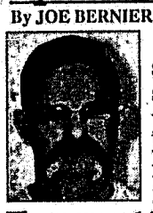
We also had a call from Peter and Claudia Risbara. They have been quite busy getting their greenhouse in Portland (Risbara's Greenhouse) up and running for the spring. They haven't had much chance to get up to their Gilead house but wanted to check and see how things were in Gilead.

Hugh's brother, William Lord, has a March birthday. Happy Birthday, Bill!

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

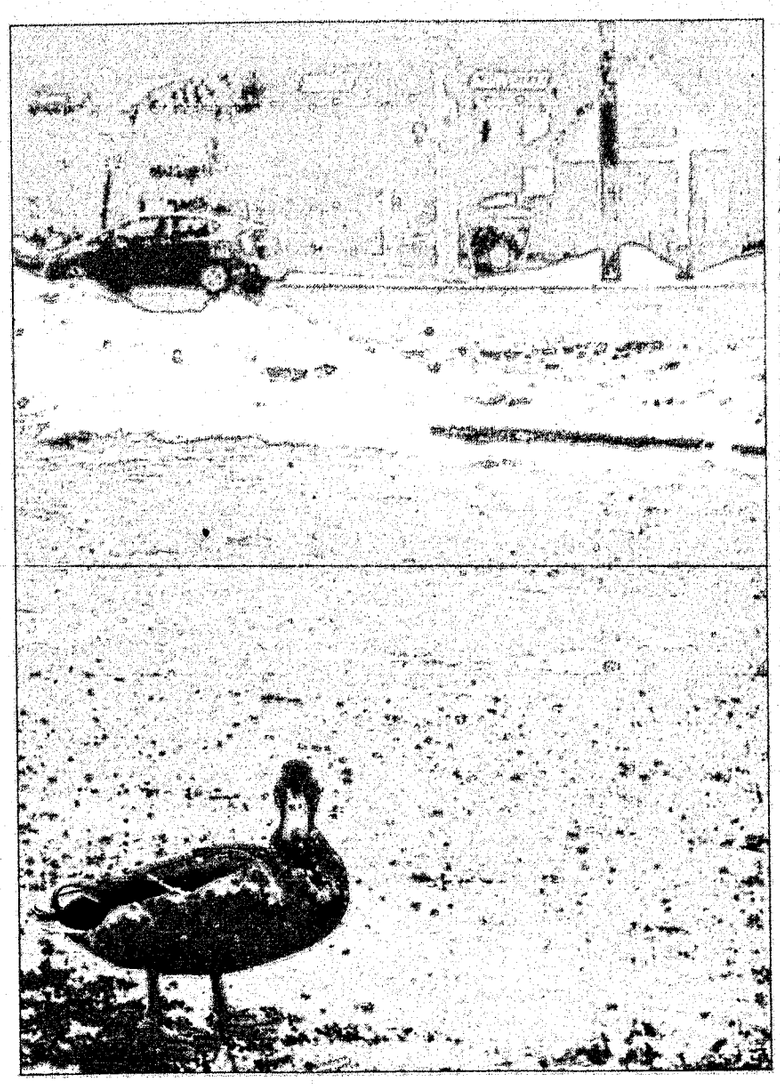
Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Here are some results from the State Line Snowmobile fishing derby: There were 140 registrants plus a large group of supporting people, spectators and people that came for the food. The ice was thick and smooth with little snow cover so most people came out on their ATVs. The only snowmobiles seen were the ones that the rangers and wardens were using. The largest pickerel caught was 22.5 inches long. The largest bass weighed 2.2 pounds.

The Upton Selectmen will meet Tuesday, March 8 at the town office.



A MALLARD MASCOT? A mallard duck spent much of last week hanging out in the parking lot of the Crossroads Diner in Bethel, feeding on occasional crumbs tossed his way. He reportedly did visit the more appropriate parking lot across the street - at Mallard Mart (background). In any case, at week's end he vanished.

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Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your local news.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, March 3 at 11:30 at the Town Office conference room. There will be a meeting, potluck dinner and game party. Please bring your own place setting and a dish to share. Also, an item for the game party. New members always welcome.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 5 at the home of Alice and Ken Hoyt. Potluck dinner following the meeting. Please bring a dish to share.

The March program at the Whitman Memorial Library will be held on March 11 at 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Jim Chandler. He will be speaking on his recent visit to Palestine. In 2007, Jim met a fellow teacher at World Forestry Institute and has been keeping in touch with teachers and students in Palestine. Come learn about living and working in, and the culture of, Palestine. Public welcome to attend, no charge, light refreshments.

Judith Grover tent 117 DUVCW will meet on Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Alice Hoyt.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, March 12 for a meeting at 6 p.m.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Looking ahead, March 20 will be Fellowship Sunday. March 21-25 at the Norway Baptist Church, Pastor Jones will give a series of lessons on the Baptist Heritage. Services start each night at 6:30. Sunday, March 27, is Easter.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Gordon Brown and Ann Bickford.

Mason

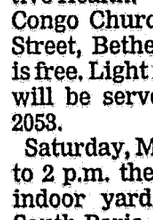
By RICHARD GROVER

I have begun logging in the woods down by Hutchinson Brook, trying to get a truck load of hardwood logs. I find it slow going for two reasons. First it is a much longer twitch path to follow than where I was cutting pine logs immediately behind the house. Secondly, I'm finding few marketable hardwood logs in the trees in this area. From a good tree, I get one or two decent logs and a whole lot of firewood from the tops, crooked places and hollow or rotten hearted logs, good only for firewood. As a result, I am getting quite a lot of firewood piled up tree length, and a very slow growing pile of marketable logs, compounded by the approach of mud season when I must quit logging. It's now touch and go.

When logging, I always leave Shiloh locked in the house for fear of felling a tree on him. He darts around through the woods so much that it is impossible to predict where he will be by the time a tree falls. However, lately, I phone Mona when I am bringing out the last twitch at lunch time and at the end of my work day, so she can let Shiloh out to meet me. I am landing logs beside the road in front of the house and firewood logs and limbs in the lower part of the field farther down toward the edge of the woods. When I see Mona bring Shiloh out onto the deck, I whistle and call, and he comes a-runnin' full tilt, tail waggin', a big grin on his face, ears floppin' and tongue hanging out! A joyous ending for the day!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

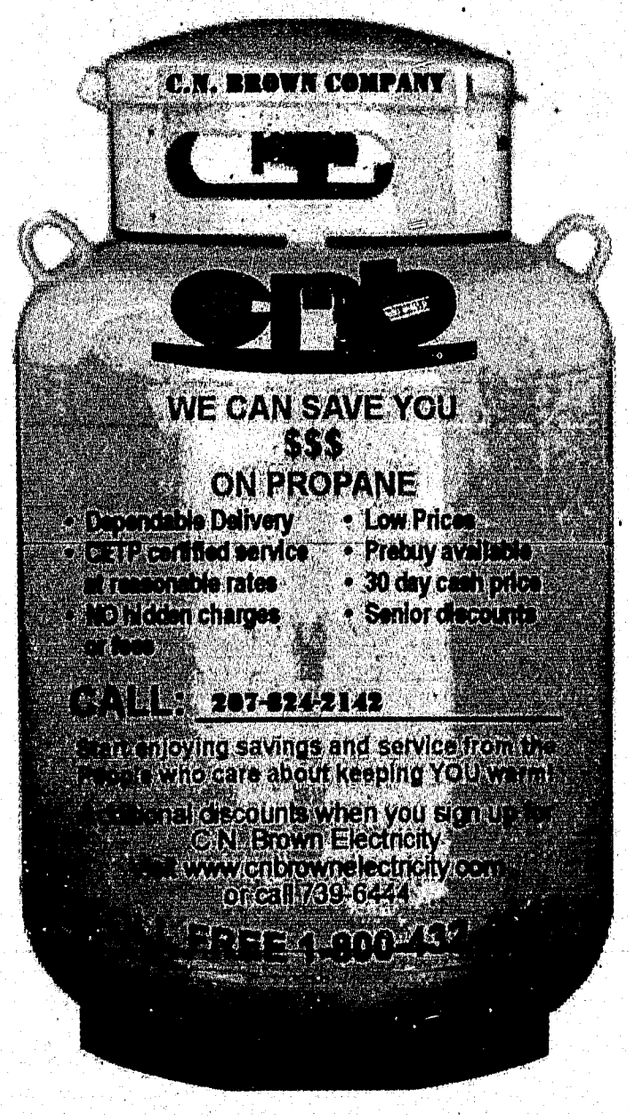


The weather is ever changing. Not even day by day, but hour by hour. Today, Monday, started at 10 degrees or less, even though they said it would be 30. Guess Waterford isn't in their area of forecasting. In any case, after being a sunny, somewhat warm day, it suddenly started raining and the temperature dropped. Even when it stopped raining, I didn't see it get to 50+ degrees as promised. The rain did explain why my legs were so unhappy. Eventually, they quieted down. I was hoping for better, a day without pain. HAH! So it goes.

Condolences go out to the family of Gordon R. Brown. He passed on Feb. 24 at home. He will be missed by his wife, Beverly and children.

Thursday, March 3, 4:30 to 6 p.m. there will be a class entitled "Is Your Tummy Talking to You – Understanding Digestive Health." This is at the Congo Church 32 Church Street, Bethel. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served. FMI: 824-2053.

Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be an indoor yard sale at the South Paris American Legion. Tables may be reserved for $10 for yard sale



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items, and $15 for crafters and vendors. There will be a lunch counter and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will help send three girls to Girl's State. FMI: 743-7965.

There will also be a chance to feast on the best pizza in Oxford hills. Sample pizza from area businesses. Voting will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at 223 King Street in Oxford. All proceeds go to the Oxford Rec Dept. Admission is: $3 donation for adults and $1.50 for kids under 12. Water and soda will be available to purchase.

March 5 will also be the Republican Caucus at Telstar Regional High school for Oxford County Republican Voters. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with registration for new voters from noon to 1 p.m. Speeches will begin at 2 p.m. in support of candidates. Speeches for others begin at 3 p.m. Presidential preference voting will end at 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 6, Oxford County Democrats hold their caucuses from 1 to 4 p.m. depending on the town. Andover will vote at the Andover Town Office at 1 p.m., West Paris at West Paris Town office at 3 p.m., Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, Hanover, Gilead, Albany, Newry, Upton, Lincoln and Magalloway will vote at 3 p.m. at Telstar High School. Waterford and Stoneham will vote together at 4 p.m. at the Waterford Town Office. Check your town office for info on your town caucus. Voter registration and party enrollment will be allowed at 3 p.m. for the un-enrolled.

That is all for this week. Hang in there, spring will be coming before you know it. To let me know what is happening in your neighborhood, call 743-0583.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM

Monday, Feb. 29

Condolences to the families of James W. Dunn, Mark E. Zeegers, Betty Wilson, & Gary H. Hinkley .Thoughts and prayers for each family member.

Birthday wishes to all who are celebrating in March.

Get well wishes to Gordon Paine and the many who are having medical issues.

We enjoyed a great mild spring day with lots of sun, blue skies and now clouding in fast. But the temperatures were above 38 degrees. So looking forward to the many milder days ahead.

Sorry for the short column this week, but not much news this week.

That's all from the valley, have a great weekend.

CROCKETT CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE

Jarrod Crockett of Bethel has announced his candidacy for Judge of Probate. Born and raised in Oxford County, Crockett grew up in a logging family in Bethel. Enlisting in the Army at 17, he attended college on an ROTC scholarship and went on to serve his country as an Army officer for six years on active duty. Among his awards are a Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge from Afghanistan. After law school he came home to practice law and is a partner in the firm of Siegel & Crockett. He is most known for serving the people of Oxford County in the Maine Legislature for six years, with four years on the Legislature's Judiciary Committee. Crockett has continued his military service as a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves. He resides in East Bethel with his wife, Paige, and their three children.

"My chief reason for seeking office is to make a difference in the lives of fellow citizens," said Crockett. "A probate judge needs to ensure all who come to court are treated fairly and justly, no matter the difficulty of the circumstance. I believe my life's experience and knowledge of the law will provide that to all citizens."

GOP Caucus reminder

The Maine GOP has announced caucus sites and schedules on Saturday, March 5, including Oxford County. Sites and schedules for all counties, with a listing of all municipalities participating at each site, are available at mainegop.com/caucus.

The caucus will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Telstar Regional High School, 34 Walkers Mills Road, Bethel. Municipalities include: Albany Township, Andover, Bethel, Brownfield, Buckfield, Byron, Canton, Denmark, Dixfield, Fryeburg, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Hartford, Hebron, Hiram, Lincoln Plantation, Lovell, Magalloway Plantation, Mexico, Newry, Norway, Otisfield, Oxford, Paris, Peru, Porter, Roxbury, Rumford, Stoneham, Stow, Sumner, Sweden, Upton, Waterford, West Paris and Woodstock.

11:30 a.m., Doors Open; Noon, Registration for New Voters/Changes in Enrollment; 1 p.m. Registration Ends, Municipal Organizational Caucuses Begin, Presidential Vote Opens; 2 p.m. Presidential Speeches; 3 p.m., Other Speakers; Caucuses complete any unfinished business; 4 p.m., Presidential vote closes, ballots counted.

Voters must present a photo ID to vote in the Presidential Nominating Caucus. All attendees will have their names checked to the current voter rolls.

The caucus site will have a one-hour voter registration/enrollment period for voters who are currently registered as "unenrolled." Those who are not registered to vote will have an opportunity to join the Republican Party and vote.

Registered Independents (known as "unenrolled" voters) who believe in economic growth, individual freedom, peace through strength, welfare reform and common-sense values are encouraged to become Republicans and participate.

The Maine Republican Party strongly encourages all participants to listen to speeches given for Presidential candidates before casting a Presidential ballot. If voters cannot attend for the speech portion of the caucus, but must cast a ballot and leave, they will be allowed to do so.

Municipal organizing caucuses will also take place. These caucuses will allow all Republicans to organize at the municipal level and help develop a robust Republican presence for the 2016 Elections.

Active duty, dependents, National Guard members and disabled veterans are allowed to cast an absentee ballot for the caucus: http://www.mainegop.com/vetsvote/.

For full details on the caucus, please visit the website www.mainegop.com/caucus.

Democratic Caucus reminder

The 2016 Democratic Caucus process in underway in Oxford County and throughout the State of Maine. The absentee ballot process concluded on March 2, when completed ballots were due at the Maine Democratic Party office in Augusta. The actual caucuses will be held throughout Oxford County on Sunday, March 6 during the afternoon. For a complete list of times and locations visit www.mainedems.org or the Oxford County ME Democrats Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems/.

Caucus participation is open to registered Democrats. Those who are not registered voters including young people who will turn 18 on or before Nov. 8, or unenrolled voters, may register and enroll at the caucus during the hour prior to the start time. The deadline for switching from another party has passed.

Our legislative and county candidates will be attending many of the caucuses and welcoming contributions to their campaigns, including the $5 qualifying contributions for Maine Clean Elections for legislative candidates. Such contributions may also be made online at https://www5.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/ethics/cleanelection/home.pl.

For information about the Oxford County caucuses, email info@oxforddems.org or call County chair Cathy Newell, 875-2116.

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Quilt raffle winner

The Cross Country Quilters had the drawing for their "Pot Holder Quilt" on Feb. 14, 2016.

The lucky winner was Cindy Giroux from Springfield, who was in Bethel for the Chowder Fest last September. Cindy was very excited to receive the call informing her she had won.

She has recently started quilting and was intrigued with the pattern of the quilt. Being the proud owner of the quilt she brought it to her next quilting meeting for "Show & Tell."

Rice joins Bethel Station Chiropractic

Dr. Vicki Rice has recently joined the staff of Bethel Station Chiropractic. Dr. Rice is a lifelong resident of Bryant Pond and is thrilled to be able to come home and provide care for the residents of the Bethel area. Dr. Rice is a graduate of Telstar Regional High School. She received her BS in exercise science from Saint Joseph's College and her Doctor of Chiropractic degree from New York Chiropractic College. At NYCC she treated patients from very young children to the elderly, athletes and war veterans. She interned at Canadaguia VA hospital in Canadaguia, N.Y. as well as Monroe Community Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.

As a student athlete Dr. Rice experienced numerous injuries to her neck and back and credited Chiropractic care with allowing her to return to the field quickly and pain free. Dr. Rice is focused on both getting her patients out of pain as quickly as possible and with her knowledge of exercise science and nutrition, helping them attain and maintain a healthy lifestyle. She also notes that her background in exercise science not only helps her to treat athletes but transfers easily to helping to assess the postural needs of all individuals and to make corrections needed to improve their function both at home and at work.

Dr. Rice is now accepting patients at Bethel Station Chiropractic. The office is located at 1 Parkway, Bethel on the second floor of the Norway Savings Bank building. Please call 207-824-3899 to make an appointment and make sure to request Dr. Rice!

Dr. Rice will be having a Meet & Greet, open to the community, on March 13 from 1 to 3 located in the lobby of the Gould Dining Hall. Please stop in to meet the new Doctor in town and enjoy some early afternoon refreshments!

Age Friendly: Senior Tech class

Tech Help 1. From the Bethel Library: a class on how to use computers and iPads. Don't have one? Not to worry! The Library has purchased devices and will offer instruction specifically for area seniors, thanks to a grant obtained by its Director, Michelle Conroy. The training begins soon – and it's free!

March 9, 10, 23 and 24, 4 to 5 p.m., Bethel Library.

Class size is limited, so register now by calling the library (824-2520) or registering at the front desk. Here's your chance to learn how to:

-Get important health information. There are a host of easily accessible websites like cancer.gov and NIH SeniorHealth.

-Find out how to cook a quiche, hook a rug, collect your genealogical information – or almost anything else you want to learn.

-Share a hobby with others.

-Skype (email with an imbedded camera). Many seniors keep up with their families in this way.

You should be prepared to attend all 4 sessions. Register soon, but if you miss this first chance, and there's interest, a second class may be offered in the future.

Tech Help 2: The Adult Ed. Department at Telstar has opened their office for Tech Drop-ins. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4 you may bring in your smart-phone or tablet (like iPad) and ask questions and get help from an expert.

Transportation Meeting: how disappointing to have to postpone the transportation public meeting on the 24th! The rescheduled meeting will feature panelists from both the professional and the grass-roots community perspective: Thursday, March 10, 2 to 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church. FMI on any of the above: Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110).

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Upcoming events at Cancer Resource Center

March Events

Drop in hours are every Thursday and Friday are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Center is a quiet place to rest, talk with a volunteer or get helpful resources.

Women's Cancer Support Group, Tuesday, March 1, from noon to 1:30 p.m.; Call Patti-Ann at 744-6173 for more information.

Fly Tying every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. now at two locations, Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street, Norway and Gould Academy. E-mail John at wightj@gouldacademy.org to register.

Coloring for Adults every Thursday from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Stamping Up with Kathy on Thursday, March 3 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Visual Journaling with Peter on Fridays, March 4 and 18 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Look Good Feel Better Tuesday, March 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. Call Patti-Ann 744-6173 to register.

Community Cancer Cut & Sew at Sew Orchid Design, 316 Main Street, Norway, Wednesdays March 9 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Wednesday, March 16 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Knitting Group Thursdays, March 10 and 31 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Crafting with Sherri on Friday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon

Cards and Games on Fridays, March 11 and 25 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Beading Project at Lively Accents, 310 Main Street, Norway Thursday, March 17 at 3 p.m.

Penny Rug with Karen Thursday, March 24 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

*Walk and Talk with David – call 739-7027 to schedule a time.

The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine is located at 199 Main Street, Norway in the Stephens Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic building. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday and Friday. We offer a variety of programs as well as comfort items, free to anyone impacted by cancer. Check our website for more information, find us on Facebook or call Sherri at 890-7063.

COLLINS INTERN-U.S. Senator Susan Collins has announced that Abigail Turner, a native of Bryant Pond, has been awarded a spring internship in her Portland Constituent Service Center, according to a press release. Abigail is the daughter of Bob and Sue Turner. Abigail is a second semester senior at Bowdoin College. She will graduate this May with an A.B. in Government and Legal Studies with a concentration in International Relations. She says that she looks forward to assisting both Sen. Collins and the citizens of Maine. "Abigail is a terrific student and a hard worker, and I am delighted to welcome her to my Portland Constituent Service Center," said Collins. "I am always delighted to give students an opportunity to become actively involved in the legislative process and to serve the citizens of Maine."

Jam Stand

By Betsy Giddings

Stone Soup

It's winter, hooray! We live in Maine, temperatures drop, keeping a home warm is the way. Raise your wooden spoon if your favorite way to heat your home is by making soup? I have two spoons up because soup warms you from the outside by simmering on the stove and it warms you from the inside with delicious nutritional goodness. During these chilly days variations of the folklored Stone Soup provide a heartwarming welcome home after a long day. The story of Stone Soup tells of a traveler who walks into a village without any food. Not knowing the traveler, the villagers do not share anything from their food pantries. Ambitiously, the traveler fills a large pot with water, sets it over a fire and places a large stone in the pot to cook. Curious villagers begin to ask the traveler about his soup and one at a time begin to offer additions. One offers an onion, some carrots, a few potatoes and then some salted meat. After ingredients cook together for a spot of time, the traveler and villagers enjoy a delicious soup together. The magic ingredient here is together. Make Stone Soup and share.

Root Cellar Stone Soup Gathering Pot

Gifts from friends brought these ingredients together in my pantry. Preparing them to make soup felt like a community effort! I highly recommend having friends and family bring their gifts at the same time and making soup together.

½ lb ground meat (I used moose, but any ground meat works great)
2 shallots (Can use 1 medium onion)
2 carrots, chopped
1 potato, chopped
1 stalk of celery, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 lb tomatoes, canned and chopped (1 quart mason jar size)
Springs of thyme (mine was dried from the summer)
1 dried bay leaf
1 c dried small pasta shape (I used Christmas Tree shape, but elbow, shell, ABC, work great)
Salt, Pepper and fresh (or dried) minced parsley
2 cups fresh baby spinach leaves

In a large sauce pan over medium heat brown the ground meat. (With game meats, heat 1 tbsp oil in pan then the meat.) Drain excess fat. Add the remaining ingredients to the pot except the salt, pepper, parsley and spinach and stir ingredients together. Increase the heat to medium high, cover the pot and sweat the ingredients for 5 minutes stirring once. Add water to the pot to cover the soup ingredients two inches over the top. Slightly cover the pot with lid and turn heat to high. When the soup boils, turn heat to low and slightly cover with lid. Simmer for 40 stirring occasionally. If you need to add 1 cup of water, do this now. Add pasta and simmer for another 15-20 minutes. Season with salt and pepper and stir in parsley and spinach. Remove thyme sprig and bay leaf before serving. Serve with warm biscuits and cheese.

Seacoast Stone Soup

Last month my husband and I had a hankering for a hearty fish soup. Coming home from one of our many Portland holiday airport runs we stopped into the commercial fish warehouse inquiring about a whole fish. To our surprise, the gentleman, still in waiters and rubber gloves, handed us 2 medium sized haddocks with the filets removed. Our seacoast stone soup was born.

2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion
2 leeks, clean and chopped, white/light green parts (mine were frozen from the summer)
1 small anise bulb, thinly sliced
4 cloves garlic, minced
In a sauté pan over medium-low heat, add all ingredients and soften, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes.
In a large pot add water to cover the bottom and bring to boil over high heat. Add lb steamers and cook until open.
Drain and eat steamers with melted butter for a snack reserving shells in large pot.
Return pot to stove with shells, 1 medium sized fish, softened root veggies, 1 Quart sized canned summer tomatoes, 3 stalks fresh parsley, 2 twigs of thyme, 1 bay leaf and the zest of 1 orange and 6 cups of water (or enough to cover the fish). Bring to a boil over high heat, lower heat to simmer for 1 hour. Take soup off the heat and allow cooling for 10 minutes. Drain liquid into a large bowl. Discard the ingredients. Return broth to the pot and simmer for 30 minutes. Ladle into bowls. We eat our soup with Rouille, a creamy thick spicy French condiment spread on crouton rounds. Definitely, toast some bread rounds with garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper and serve with your favorite cheese. This is best if you make the broth 1 day or more ahead. It becomes heartier and...heats the house up more often!

Regular meetings and support services

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office,

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and/or fourth Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info or go to http://www.sad44.org/pages/MSAD_44_Bethel/School_Board).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.: Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.: Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m.: Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Wednesdays, Yoga Classes with Yogamoto. Classes are held at 4:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (no class Nov. 25) at the United Methodist Church Annex at 75 Main Street. Yogamoto is a donation-based nonprofit yoga practice. You pay what you can - suggested donation is $5-$15. Classes are one hour vinyasa flow and suitable to all skill levels. Proceeds are donated to local education. Private classes also available. FMI: www.yogamoto.com (207)200-3815 info@yogamoto.com

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m.: Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.: Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call 836-3575.

Third Thursday, Maine Mineral & Gem Museum holds Third Thursdays Tours & Talks. Winter months' feature presentations held in the Museum Store and Preview Gallery from 3-4:30 p.m. Summer months' feature tours at renowned regional geological sites. Summer times vary depending on tour location; check MMGM's website www.mainemineralgemmuseum.org and its newsletter calendar.

Saturdays; Yoga Classes with Yogamoto. Classes are held at 8am and 9:30am at the United Methodist Church Annex at 75 Main Street. Yogamoto is a donation-based nonprofit yoga practice. You pay what you can - suggested donation is $5-$15. Classes are one hour vinyasa flow and suitable to all skill levels. Proceeds are donated to local education. Private classes also available. FMI: www.yogamoto.com (207)200-3815 info@yogamoto.com

Rumford

Fourth Thursday of the month: 5:30-7 p.m., Rumford Public Library Friends 4th Thursday Poetry Group.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.: Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the museum, West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.: West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Norway

Wednesdays: Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Teen Rec Room of the Norway Public Library weekly on Wednesdays through March 30. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine and the Mollyocket Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Classes are free and all fly tying tools and materials are provided. Each session is stand alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Third Wednesday of the month: Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.: Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, $3/Children 12 and under, $2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE Voices

24-hour hotline: 1-800-559-2927. Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806.

Cancer Support

Northern Vista at Home Senior Care offers a free shuttle service to those going to re-occuring chemo or radiation appointments at St. Mary's or Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. To schedule a ride call Gerry McCann, director at 207-836-2173.

Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m.: Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris: Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street. Donations for the Bethel Food Pantry should be left on the porch at 57 Elm Street. Contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 824-0369 with any questions.

Thursday, March 3

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street (across from the Common). Read a story, sing, and play at the library. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2520.

"Is Your Tummy Talking to You – Understanding Digestive Health"; 4:30 to 6 pm, Congregational Church, 32 Church Street. The program will be presented by Roberta Balon, MS, RD, CDE, Clinical Nutrition Services Director at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Berlin, N.H. She will explain the connection between how one's brain influences the digestive track, affecting the immune system, and will cover prebiotics and probiotics and how they help the body through diet. Additional digestive problems will be discussed. Public invited. Admission is free. Light refreshments. FMI: 824-2053.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. $10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Shadagee Ramblers; 6 to 9 p.m., Open Mic and pizza night, Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Friday, March 4

World Day of Prayer; 11 to 1 p.m., luncheon follows prayer service. Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church, Route 26, Bethel. Area churches participate in this ecumenical service. All are welcome.

Saturday, March 5

Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be for sale. Come join the fun and help the Ladies' Auxiliary send three young girls to Girl State.

Ice Fishing Demo on North Pond; 10 a.m. Meet at Rocky Road and walk on North Pond by the old boat launch on Route 26.

2016 Republican Caucus; Telstar High School. Doors open at 11:30. Registration for new voters/changes in enrollment begins at 12. Voting 1 to 4 p.m.

Western Maine Healing Arts Community Gathering; 4:30 to 6 p.m., The Dojo, 13 Cottage Street (2nd floor), Norway. A loosely-structured conversation to bring together individuals with a shared mission within the healing arts to explore possibilities for collaboration. FMI: MaineEssenceArts@gmail.com or 595-9253.

9th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting; 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday River Inn, Newry. Hosted by the Bethel Rotary. $30 per person. Proceeds benefit community projects and scholarships.

Sunday, March 6

Oxford County Democrats Municipal Caucus Meetings; Town of Andover: Andover Town Hall at 1 p.m. Town of West Paris: West Paris Town Office at 3 p.m. Towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, Hanover, Gilead, Albany, Newry, Upton, Lincoln and Magalloway: Telstar High School at 3 p.m. Towns of Stoneham and Waterford: Waterford Town Office at 4 p.m. Voter registration and party enrollment, one hour prior to start. FMI: http://www.mainedems.org/caucus/.

Monday, March 7

Ballot Voting; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Newry Town Office, for selectman and school director.

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: How do we pursue happiness? Moderator: John Wolons. Light refreshments provided. FMI: 583-6957.

Tuesday, March 8

Bethel American Legion Post and Auxiliary 81 Potluck/Meeting; 6 p.m. potluck followed by meetings of the Legion Post and Auxiliary members at 7 p.m.

Newry Annual Town Meeting; 7 p.m., Bear River Grange Hall, Newry.

March 9, 10, 23 and 24

Tech for Seniors Class; 4 to 5 p.m., Bethel Library. Learn how to use Facebook and Skype, read product reviews, find online communities to share hobbies or discuss politics, or get important health information. Instructor: SAD 44 Media Specialist Kelly Fraser. FMI/Enrollment: 824-2520 or visit the library's front desk.

Wednesday, March 9

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting; 11 a.m. Northland Dairy Bar, Berlin, N.H. The bus will leave the Bethel Health Center at 10:15 a.m. sharp. Members will be eating from the menu – all meals and gratuities will be each person's responsibility. Call Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 for reservations before March 1.

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollyockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Thursday, March 10

Library Program on Palestine; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Jim Chandler will be the guest speaker, talking about his recent trip to Palestine. In 2007 Jim met a fellow teacher at the World Forestry Institute and has kept in touch with teachers and students in Palestine. Come learn a bit about living and working in, and the culture of, Palestine. The program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Dodge for a Cure; 3 to 5 p.m., Telstar gymnasium. This event is a charity dodgeball tournament typically between students and staff teams of eight. This year, the tournament is open to parents as well. Proceeds raised benefit cancer research at the Dempsey Center in Lewiston.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. $10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Shadagee Ramblers; 6 to 9 p.m., Open Mic and pizza night, Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, March 12

Oxford Hills Hone Bee Club Meeting; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Speaker will be Commercial Bee Keeper Tony Bachelder. Topic will be feeding bees in the winter, and spring management. Public's welcome. FMI: Christopher Easton (cpeaston@megalink.net) or mainehoneybees.com.

Turkey Supper; 4:30 to 6 p.m., American Legion Hall, 184 Congress Street, Rumford. Turkey, potatoes, stuffing, grave, peas, corn, cranberry sauce, rolls, brownie sundaes, coffee, tea and punch. Adults $7, kids 5-12 $5, under 5 free. Chinese auction items. 50/50 raffle. Proceeds benefit the family of Sally Campbell, who recently passed away from cancer. FMI: Brenda (743-7647) or Kathy (743-6875).

Woodstock Historical Society Meeting; 6 p.m. at the Town Office complex. Following the 6 p.m. business meeting, the "Metal Detecting Sisters" will show slides of their research in the Stephen's Mills area of Woodstock. All are invited to attend.

Swingin' Bears Square Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Walt and Gracie Bull calling Mainstream and Plus with Carol Arsenault as cuer. Refreshments will be served from 7:45 on. $7 per person. Non-dancers welcome at no charge. FMI: Eleanor Herrick (782-4050).

Sunday, March 13

Country Breakfast; 7:30 to 11 a.m., Ordway Hall, Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel. Hosted by Bethel Rotary. Adults $8 ($10 at the door), children $5. Proceeds benefit Rotary projects.

Rescheduled Ski/Snowshoe Event; 1 to 3 p.m., Akers Ski trails. Those not familiar with the trails will be given a guided tour at 1:30 from the Akers Ski Parking Lot in Andover Village. Meet at the lean-to between 1 and 3 p.m. There will be a bonfire, courtesy of Pineland Ski Club, and hot dogs and marshmallows will be available. All ages welcome.

Wednesday, March 16

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollyockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Ukrainian Egg Workshop; 6 to 8:30 p.m., Telstar High School. Learn the traditional craft of Ukrainian Easter Eggs (Pysanky) with instructor India Baker. We will learn the history, traditions, colors and symbols as well as the principles of wax resist method or dyeing. You will have the opportunity to design and create your own egg. All materials are supplied. Tuition: $35. FMI/Registration: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or http://sad44.maineadulted.org/.

March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14 and 21

Ballroom Dancing; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Crescent Park School. Have you always wanted to take a ballroom class or just want to refresh your memory? This class is perfect for you. This is a 6 week adult class. You will learn the basics of waltz, tango, cha-cha, and swing with instructor Bridget Whitman. Come with a partner and dance the night away and have a great time. Tuition: Singles $60, Couples $75. FMI/Registration: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or http://sad44.maineadulted.org/.

Thursday, March 17

Website Visibility Workshop; 9 to 10:30 a.m., Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street, Bethel. Topics covered include: What Search Engine Optimization (SEO) used to be and what it is now, factors that affect how well your site is ranked, basics of SEO, and more. Instructor: Alisa Meggison, Digital Marketing Manager for Nancy Marshall Communications. $25 for Oxford County Chamber Of Commerce members, $30 for businesses and nonprofits that are not chamber members. FMI/Registration: www.WMEDC.org or 739-6543.

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street (across from the Common). Read a story, sing, and play at the library. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2520.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. $10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Saturday, March 19

Annual Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bethel Inn Conference Center. Presented by the Mollyockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited – over 35 exhibitors, raffles, a silent auction, kids' fly tying table and presentations by four well-known guest speakers. Admission: $5 per person.

"Bustin' Out the Blues" Dance; 8 p.m. to midnight, Locke's Mills Legion Hall, 595 Gore Road. Bands: Way Back Machine and Ball Brothers. 50/50 and raffles. Proceeds to benefit Telstar Football Programs (youth through high school), equipment repair and upgrade.

Monday, March 21

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, March 23

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollyockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Thursday, March 24

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. $10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Shadagee Ramblers; 6 to 9 p.m., Open Mic and pizza night, Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Wednesday, March 30

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollyockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Saturday, April 2

Defensive Driving Class; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Telstar High School, Room 133. This five-hour course will include discussion of collision avoidance techniques, safety issues, driver habits and attitudes and the basic elements that constantly challenge drivers on Maine's highways. Those completing the course will receive a three-point credit on their driving record. Insurance discounts are a possibility. $40 per person. Instructor: Ed Naples. FMI: 824-2136.

Benefit Supper for THS Student Alexis Sing; 5 to 6:30 p.m., Jackson-Silver Post 68, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. This supper is to raise funds to help with medical bills for Alexis Sing, who is currently in the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. Alexis is a 15 year old freshman at Telstar, and was found in a diabetic coma on Jan. 16, 2016. Swelling around her brain has caused loss of functional use of her right side. She is undergoing rehabilitation at the Boston facility, with her family traveling back and forth to aid in her recovery. The benefit will be a spaghetti feed. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a Chinese ticket auction. Tickets will be available at the door, and the drawing for items for the auction will be held at 6:30. FMI: Sheryl Morgan (890-5903) or Ellie Newell (890-7846).

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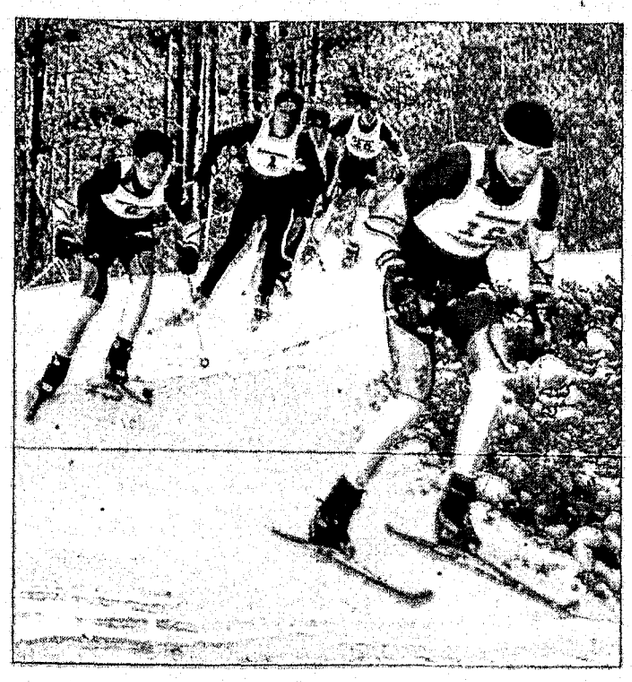
Sports



Gould Academy Boys' Nordic Team took first place at the NEPSAC Championships on Saturday. Caleb Clarke '19, Bethel took second place in Boys' A race followed by Andrew Sigel '19, Bethel who took 7th place. *Ani Inman*

High School Nordic Skiing

Gould Academy's Boys' Nordic Team Wins NEPSAC Championship – The Gould Academy's Boys' Nordic Team took first place and the Girls' Nordic Team took 4th overall at the 2016 NEPSAC (New England Preparatory School Athletic Council) Championships on Saturday, Feb. 27 at Gunstock Mountain Resort, N.H.

In the team relay race Boys' A took 1st place (Caleb Clarke '16, Marcus Wentworth '17 and Andrew Siegel '16). Boys' B relay took 2nd place (Duncan Forbes '18, Sam Weafer '18 and Ben Alford '18). In the Girls' A relay the team of Emily Halporn '17, Leela Hornbach '16 and Stephanie Nicols '18 took 4th place. Second place in the Girls' B relay was captured by Livy Clarke '19, Lilo Bean '19 and Mia Shifrin '19.

Individual performances for the Boys' A skate race were Caleb Clarke 2nd, Marcus Wentworth 3rd, followed by Andrew Siegel for 7th. For the Girls' A skate race Leela Hornbach '16 placed 6th followed by Stephanie Nicols '18 in 10th. In the Girls' B skate race Izzy Chase '20 took 1st place followed by Lily Weafer '19 in 6th.

Mt. Valley Rec Basketball League

MVRBL Games – Five games were played this week to almost finish the regular season with two games remaining on Wednesday. The playoffs will start Sunday, March 7. Last Wednesday, LBI bested M and M Carpentry, 92-57. LBI got plenty of scoring from Owen Jones 23 points, Chris Baxter 22, Craig Milledge 20 and Eric Canwell 13. M and M was led by Wayne Campbell with 23 points and Matt Newell with 11.

On Sunday, the first of four games went to The Crew in a good game against Bethel, 67-62. The Crew featured Jade Dutil 15 points, Rickey White 14 and Deion Cheers 13. Bethel's leaders were Kevin Bean 15 points, JT Taylor 12 and Ryan Savage 11. Both those teams played two games on Sunday and we next saw The Crew again with a win against Archie's, 83-55. The Crew's Justin Cocroft was hot with 23 points and 5 threes, Jade Dutil had 16, Cliff Turner and Deion Cheers 11 each and Ricky White with 10 more. Archie's was short-handed, but was directed by Glen Dubois with 15 points and 5 threes and Justin Archibald with 12. Bethel then played its second game and was defeated by LBI in another well-played contest, 85-71. LBI's Chris Baxter led the charge with 23 points and 4 threes, Eric Canwell netted 18, Brandon Johnson 16 and Owen Jones 14. Bethel's Captain Ryan Kimball was high man with 20 points, Dom Haines contributed 16, JT Taylor 15 and Matt Zinchuk 10. Lastly M and M Carpentry outlasted Jay, 82-65. Matt Newell led M and M with 23 points, followed by Jason Holdbrook with 18, Spenser Glover 12 and Peter Chase 11. With 2 games left, LBI is 11-0 and has already clinched 1st place, Tommy Guns is 7-4, The Crew is 7-5, Archie's is 6-5, Bethel is 5-7, M and M is 5-7 and Jay is 0-11.

Telstar High School 2015-2016 Winter Sports Awards

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Front: Becca Howard (MVC Honorable Mention, MVC All Academic, Athlete of the Month December, Offensive Player Award); Hayley Peterson (MVC Honorable Mention, Defensive Player Award). Back: Blair Stevens (Coach's Award); Julia Cherkis (Athlete of the Month, January),

BOYS' BASKETBALL
Connor Landes (Hustle Award, Athlete of the Month, December); Jordan McGetchin (Athlete of the Month, January).

ALPINE SKIING
Front: Kaity Killam (Athlete of the Month, February, Coach's Award) Koley True (MVC Second Team Giant Slalom and Slalom, Coach's Award); Paige Dutterer (Alpine Excellence Award). Back: Kellen True (Athlete of the Month, January, MVC Second Team Slalom).

NORDIC SKIING
Front: Marta Opie, Kellen True, Elijah Laird (Athletes of the Month for Nordic skiing). Back: Carla Boyle-Wight (Coach's Award); Josh Eliot (Coach's Award); Gaelen Boyle-Wight (Hustle Award).
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Bethel Church Services

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wed evening 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens, Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – RHYMES WITH "DAY"

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters
HAY
MAY

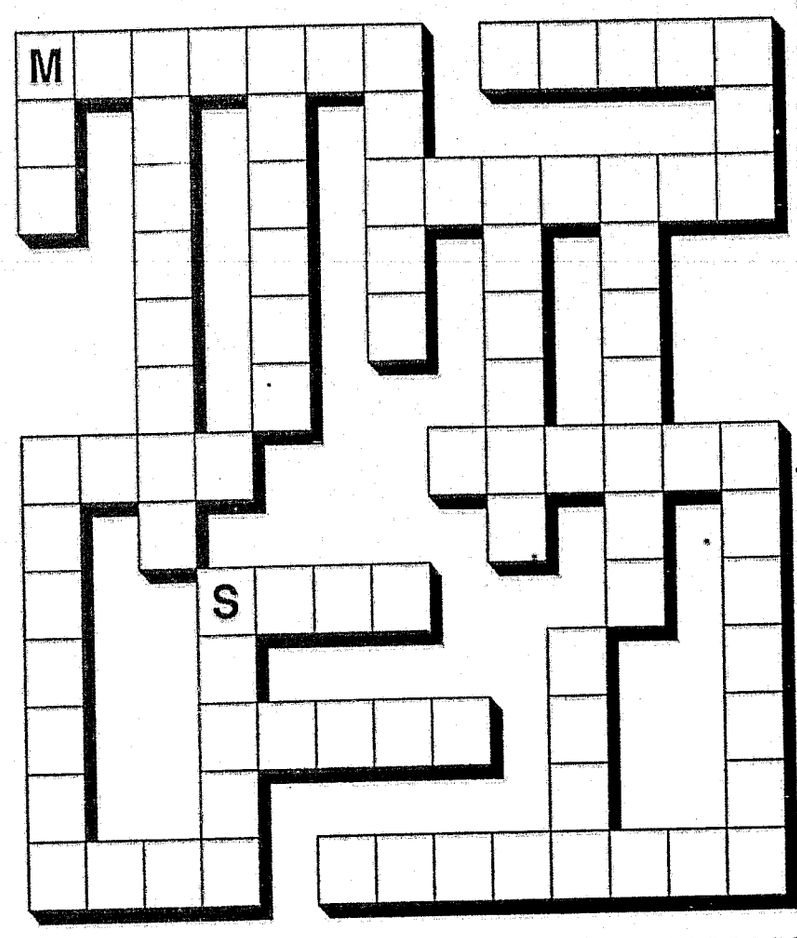
4 Letters
BRAY
OKAY
STAY
THEY

5 Letters
ESSAY
RELAY
SPRAY
WEIGH

6 Letters
BALLET
MONDAY
NORWAY

7 Letters
BOUQUET
DISPLAY
MATINEE
SOMEDAY
TUESDAY

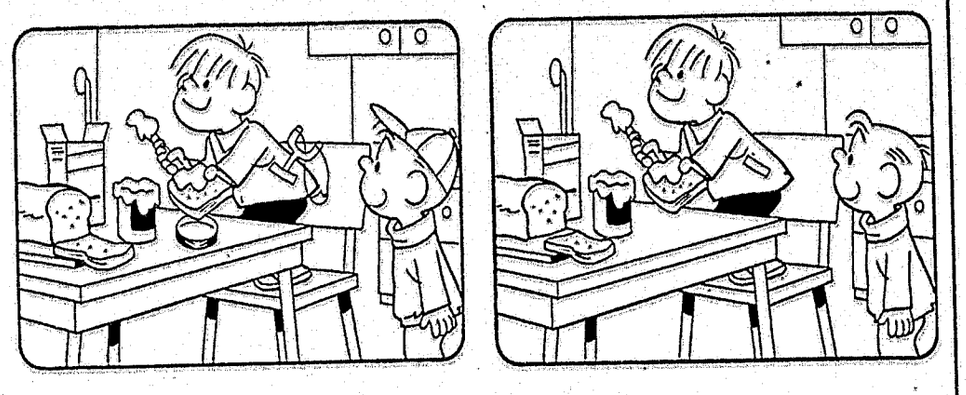
8 Letters
MILKY WAY
THURSDAY



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Box flap is missing. 2. Slice of bread is smaller. 3. Jar cap is missing. 4. Slingshot is missing. 5. Cap is missing. 6. Arm is moved.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **L** equals **W**

LPHD NIRBY XIR NHBB H OTUP LPI'U HBLHXU LHAX HMY SRHAYKY? PKAATMS IM DPK .UTYK IO NHRDTIM.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

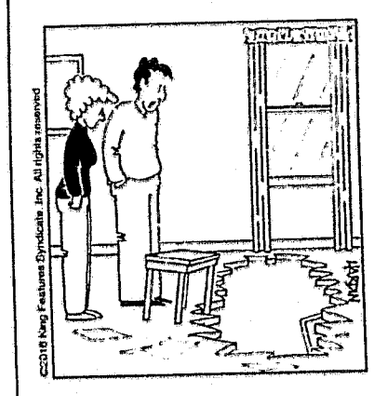
Rebuff **PERLE** ___ ___ □ ___ ___

Forever **AYSLAW** □ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Defy **SISTER** ___ ___ ___ □ ___ ___

Mark **PINTO** ___ □ ___ □ ___

TODAY'S WORD ___ ___ ___ ___ ___



"On the upside, we'd been planning to move the _____ downstairs anyway."

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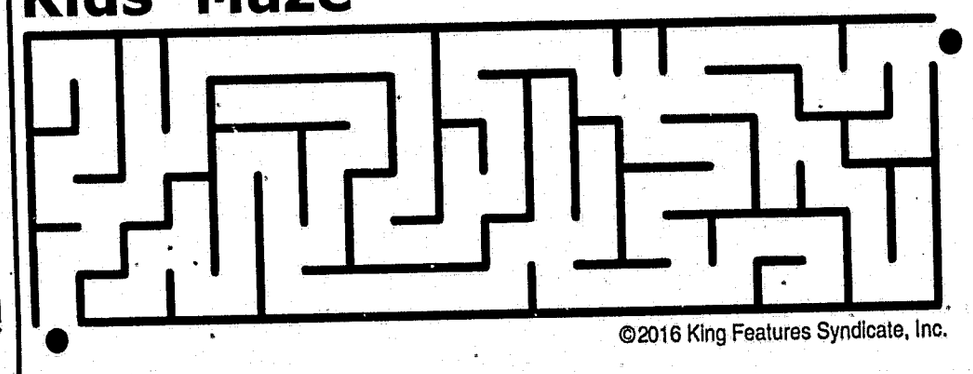
Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

PERFECT PRESENTATION

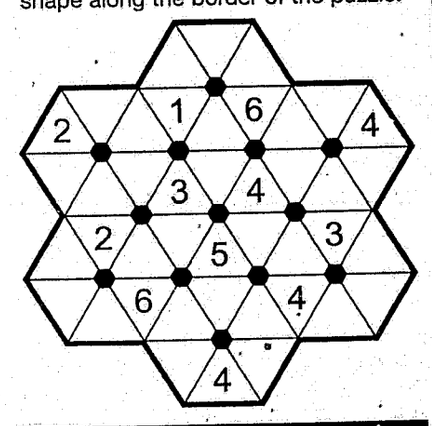
ACROSS
1 Sag down
6 "Your Business" channel
11 Solo seen with Chewbacca
14 Snapshot
19 Meet with fellow grads
20 Classic name in arcades
21 Santa — Zoo
22 Biblical king in Matthew
23 Start of a riddle
26 "I come from — down under" (1981 hit song lyric)
27 English king called "the Conqueror"
28 Sunrise side
29 Concerning kidneys
30 Airline to Lod
31 Riddle, part 2
36 1987 NFL MVP John
38 Some tournament rounds, informally
39 "There — god!"
40 Comply with
43 Ore- — (maker of Crispers!)
44 Sticky stuff
47 Vainglory
50 Riddle, part 3
55 Down time
56 "Eh" grade
57 Very old Olds
58 Choir female
59 High-school grad, e.g.
60 Stick (to)
63 Catch sight of
67 State-of-mind missions, in military slang
70 Riddle, part 4
74 Diving result
75 Not casual
76 Lead role in "La Cage aux Folles"
77 End in — (finish evenly)
78 Océano filler
80 Thai language
82 Little peeve
83 Part of DOJ: Abbr.
84 Riddle, part 5
91 Certain poem
92 Check casher, say
93 Kicker Groza
94 Seeks some answers
95 Brand of brake fluid
96 "Greetings"
98 Calyx part
102 End of the riddle
110 Firework part
111 City near Giza
112 Holy likeness
113 Prehensile-tailed fish
115 Fight
116 Riddle's answer
120 Nobel winner Joliot-Curie
121 Immense time span
122 Subparts
123 Penetrating
124 Was nervy enough
125 007, for one
126 Ballerina's skill, in Paris
127 Actress Witherspoon

DOWN
1 Bank in a check transaction
2 Replenish the stock of
3 Make illegal
4 "He's a priest," per Ogden Nash
5 Gilpin of "Frasier"
6 Molten rock
7 Giant step
8 No, in Ayr
9 Lingerie garment
10 Op. — (abbr. in a footnote)
11 Responses to jokes
12 "— of robins in her hair": Joyce Kilmer
13 Three-nation pact of '94
14 Old Jewish sectarian
15 Capital of Montana
16 Bornean ape, briefly
17 Relating to musical pitch
18 In an unusual way
24 Spa reaction
25 100-yr. stretches
32 Ballet bend
33 Verdi work
34 Apple option
35 — and kin
37 Kobe cash
41 Florida birds
42 Driver's peg
44 Medusas' counterparts
45 At a boat's back
46 "It's hard to — Trane"
47 GOP symbol
48 Fights noisily
49 Have title to
50 Bankbook ID
51 Put back on the roster
52 Certain organ part
53 Bygone bird
54 Long-eared leapers
59 Little city
61 Qualified
62 By means of
64 Hang in there
65 Prized violin, for short
66 Fidel's friend Guevara
68 Pabst beer
69 "— -haw!" (rodeo cry)
71 Of ill repute
72 Golfer Sandy
73 Film terrier
77 Big whoop
79 "Shucks"
81 Sly-fox linkup
84 Bought the film rights to
85 Performs like Snoop Lion
86 Makeup of Hawaii
87 Noodlehead
88 Waikiki wiggling
89 Accepts
90 Send in troops, e.g.
95 Holy place
96 Innuendo
97 Inceptions
99 Chase
100 Frozen or liquid things
101 "Joan of Arc" star Sobieski
102 Pungent
103 Dr. of radio
104 Winter coat feature
105 Hill helpers
106 Inside story
107 Singer Bono
108 Tantalize
109 Snead of golf
114 Frosty coat
117 "Slung" stuff
118 — steady basis
119 Wine, in Paris

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	5	6	2					1
4				9			3	
		1			8	5		
		4			2		6	
9			7			4		
	2			8			5	9
1			5				7	
		2		4	1	3		
	6			3				4

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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ANSWERS:

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

3	5	6	2	7	4	9	8	1
4	7	8	1	9	5	6	3	2
2	9	1	3	6	8	5	4	7
8	1	4	9	5	2	7	6	3
9	3	5	7	1	6	4	2	8
6	2	7	4	8	3	1	5	9
1	4	3	5	2	9	8	7	6
7	8	2	6	4	1	3	9	5
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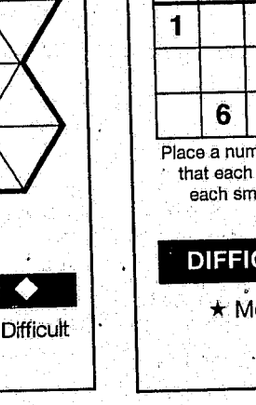
SNOWFLAKES solution



Puzzles4Kids Answer

SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Repel; 2. Always; 3. Resist; 4. Point

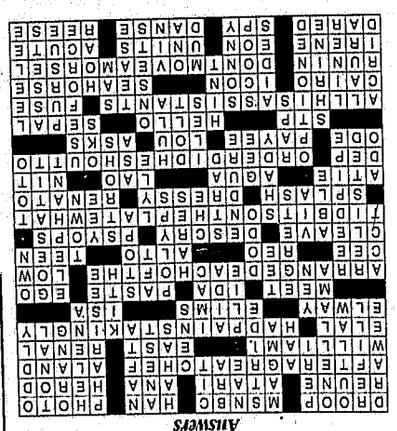
PIANO

Today's Word

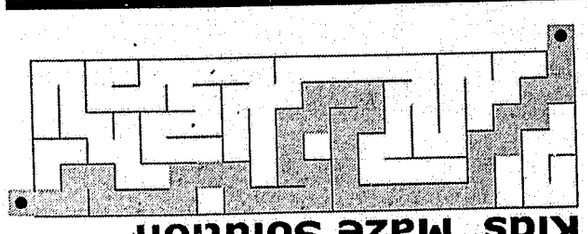
CryptoQuip answer

What could you call a fish who's always wary and guarded? Herring on the side of caution.

Super Crossword — Answers



Kids' Maze Solution



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Prime Time Ski Club news:
Social relationships important with aging

The ski conditions at Sunday River ski area continue to fluctuate from freezing temperatures and firm snow to warmer temps and softer, springlike conditions, all within a few days.

It seems like whenever the mountain gets some natural snow, like this past Wednesday, it usually ends up with sleet or rain on top of it and then cold weather follows so that everything freezes.

That was the case last Wednesday when about 30 hearty Prime Time Ski Club members showed up at the 10 a.m. meeting at North Peak Lodge to try out the softening conditions.

Despite limited vision due to freezing rain on the ski goggles, skiers were rewarded with a softening snow on 3D and T72, two trails on North Peak that include freestyle park features but also offer some great skiing if you skirt the jumps and rails on non-busy days.There were other good trails as well, thanks to the softening snow, but a number of our club members made multiple trips up and down these two trails until the goggles and clothing became extremely ice covered.

As many of our club members have experienced, even if the conditions aren't top-notch, skiing with other people make it a lot more fun. As a matter of fact, there are several studies that show that as we age, social ties are just as important to a healthy lifestyle as diet and fitness.

A study from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill claims to be the first study to definitely link social relationships with concrete measures of physical well-being such as abdominal obesity, inflammation and high blood pressure, all of which can lead to long-term health problems, including heart disease, stroke and cancer. The study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, builds on previous research that shows that aging adults live longer if they have more social connections.

A study from the University of Rochester Medical Center also agrees that people who continue to maintain close friendships and find other ways to interact socially live longer than those who become isolated. This study shows that relationships and social interactions help protect against illness by boosting the immune system and help keep the brain from getting rusty. The takeaway from this study is to try to either keep existing friendships going or make a concerted effort to create new ones.

This is not as easy as it was in younger years when school, clubs and sports teams created a framework for socializing. However, the Prime Time Ski Club can provide an excellent social outlet for those who love to ski and even those who just want to socialize. Check us out at www.primetimeskiclub.com.

In the meantime, if you're looking for someone to ski with, remember that the Prime Time Ski Club motto is "No one needs to ski alone." Club members meet every weekday at Peak Lodge around 10 a.m. on the upper level, right side, just beyond the bar.

After a brief time for announcements and sharing information on where the best skiing is for the day, members (who must be 50 years or older) usually break into small groups of from four to eight skiers, based primarily on skiing ability and terrain preference. Or you can meet members at 9 a.m. in the Mahoosuc Room at the South Ridge Lodge prior to lifts opening at 9 a.m. Join us and give you immune system a boost!

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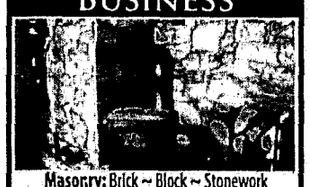

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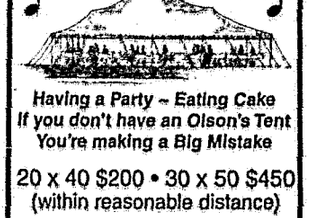

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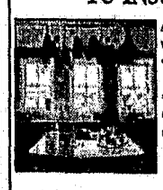

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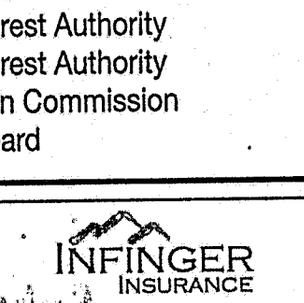

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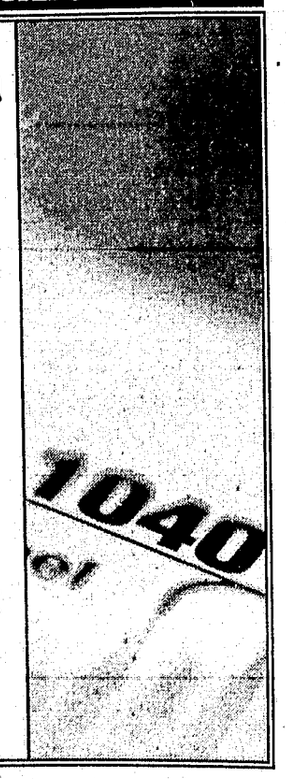

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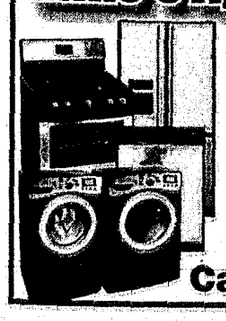

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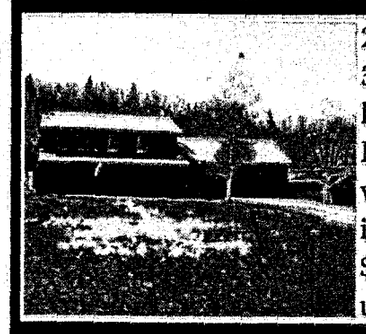

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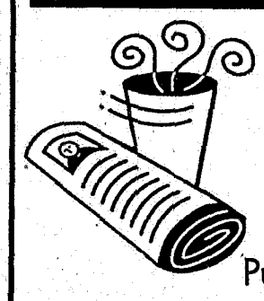

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Sonya Jean Dyer, 45, of Harrison, died Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 24, 2016 at the Androscoggin Hospice in Auburn, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Nov. 1, 1970, in Lewiston, the daughter of Patricia (Jewell) Jordan and her husband, Mark Jordan. She attended local elementary schools in Norway and Oxford before moving to Colorado with her parents where she continued her education. As a young adult she finished her schooling at Oxford Hills High School.

For years, Sonya worked as a manager at the Big Apple stores in Bridgton after gaining experience in variety store business in Bolster's Mills. Her greatest work however, was the care she gave her two sons, Joshua and Casey at home.

Sonya is survived by her parents, Pat and Mark Jordan of Tonopah, Ariz.; two sons, Joshua Dyer of Norway and Casey Dyer of Harrison; step-sons, David Dyer of Oxford and Thomas Dyer of Harrison; a step-sister, Tina Kimball of Norway; grandparents, Reginald and Barbara Jordan of Poland; aunts and uncles, Larry Jordan and his wife, Jan of Poland, Penny Burgess of Madison, N.H., Pam Banville of Gray, Judy Akers of Poland, Howard Jewell and his wife, Penny of Waterford, Paul Lowe and his wife, Penny of Otisfield, and Arthur Lowe and his wife, Laura of Poland; many cousins including Charles Larson and his wife, Betty and their sons, Stanley and Brett. She was predeceased by grandparents, Ray and Helen Jewell and Erma Lowe; an infant grandson, Everett Dyer; an aunt, Connie Jewell; cousins, Tim and Kevin Jewell.

Her family wishes a heartfelt thank you to all of her wonderful caregivers over the years including, the Bridgton Hospital, especially the Oncology Department and Dr. Boedeker, Beacon Hospice, as well as the staff Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice and the Hospice in Auburn.

Words of tribute and condolence may be shared with Sonya's family at www.oxfordhillsfuneralservices.com.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Oxford Hills Funeral Services, 1037 Main Street, Oxford. Family and friends are invited to a time of visitation one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. Spring interment will be at the Number 4 cemetery in Lovell. Gifts may be given in her memory to the Androscoggin Hospice House, 236 Stetson Road, Auburn, ME 04210.

GORDON R. BROWN

Gordon R. Brown, 86, of Bryant Pond, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, at home. He passed in his bed, surrounded by his family, with his beloved dog lying at his feet. Born in Bethel on Sept. 23, 1929, to Elwin and Jennie Day Brown, he joined the U.S. Navy as soon as he was legally old enough, in order to serve during World War II. He served 27 years and saw action in Korea, and four tours in Vietnam Nam, rising through the ranks to retire as a Chief Warrant Officer 3. On June 9, 1951, he married Beverly Billings, of Milton Plantation. After retiring from the Navy, he spent 20 years building a logging business, and then working in Real Estate and land development, eventually founding Four Seasons Realty in 1994, until finally passing the business on to his granddaughter, Julia Williamson, and her husband, Gary Williamson, in 2005. He was a master Mason in the Bryant Pond Lodge, a member of VFW post 68, served on the Western Maine board of Realtors, and the Bryant Pond Planning Board. He coached youth baseball in the 60s and 70s, and was an Avid Red Sox fan. He is survived by his loving wife Beverly, children Reginald Brown and his wife Tamar, Wanda Johnson, Matthew R. Brown and wife Lisa Nastasi Brown; grandchildren Julia Williamson and husband Gary, Madeline Brown, and Matthew P. Brown; great grandchildren Buddy Williamson, Hunter Williamson, Wyatt Williamson, and Wylie Williamson, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by son-in-law, Charles Johnson.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 1 at Chandler Funeral Home, 45 Main Street, South Paris. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to www.veteranssupportfund.org. Online Condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

CAILIN M. CURRIVAN

Cailin Michele Currivan, age 26, of Rumford, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016.

She was born in Norwalk, Conn. on Nov. 25, 1989 a daughter of Thomas K. Currivan Jr. and Michele A. (Phelan) Currivan.

Cailin attended St. Theresa's Grammar School in Trumbull, Conn. and graduated from Trumbull High School with a major in Agriscience, where she excelled in Basketball. She attended St. Joseph's College in Standish for two years.

She had been employed as a counselor with Oxford County Mental Health, and most recently was working at Circle K Deli in Mexico, Rumford House of Pizza and part-time at At-Home-Pet Grooming in Bethel.

Cailin loved fishing, hunting, swimming, camping, spending time with friends, and attending and throwing a good party.

Cailin loved life to the fullest and will continue to live on in others through the gift of organ donation.

Surviving are her parents, Thomas K. and Michele A. Currivan of Bridgeport, Conn.; a brother and close friend, Thomas K. Currivan III of Bridgeport, Conn.; and several cousins; Paternal Grandparents Therese (Langevin) Currivan and Thomas K. Currivan Sr.; and a very special aunt, Evelyn Langevin.

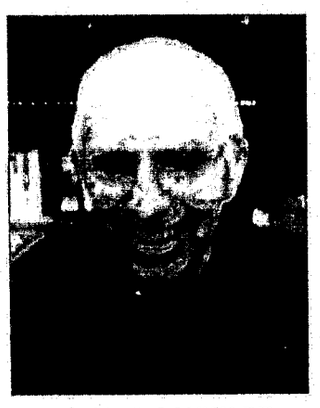
In lieu of flowers contributions in Cailin's memory may be made to Michele A. Currivan 115 Westfield Ave., Bridgeport, Conn. 06606.

HAROLD R. POWELL

Harold Richard (Dick) Powell, 74, died Feb. 11, 2016 after a short struggle with a return of cancer in the Rumford Community Hospital, Rumford. He was fortunate to have the support of his loving children, niece and area friends with him during the last few weeks. His brother Bruce and sister-in-law Shirley Powell were grateful to be provided the time to return from Florida to be with him the last few days and at the time of his death. He passed away peacefully in the care of his family as well as the wonderful staff at Rumford Community Hospital.

Dick was born on July 4, 1941, in Bridgeport, Conn., to Harold and Eunice Powell, who predeceased him. Dick made his home in Maine 15 years ago, moving from Connecticut where he had been a longtime volunteer fireman as well as an active member of the Order of Freemasons. Dick had a successful career as a carpenter and upon his retirement and move to Maine, he assisted his brother in building and/or maintaining buildings at Stony Brook Recreation in Hanover, where he has lived since his relocation.

Dick is survived by his three daughters, Cindy and her husband Ed Pier, Laurie and her partner Tracy Doyle, and Kelly and her fiancé John Weppner; Kelly's children Jake and Nicholas, all of whom live in New Jersey. He is also survived by his son Blair Goodlin, wife Bernadette and their children Victoria and Lenora, also of New Jersey. He is survived by his brother Bruce and wife Shirley of Hanover; his niece Kristen Powell, husband Seth and children Gabrielle and Sam of Portland, and numerous cousins. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his nephews Kevin and Christopher of Hanover. Graveside services will take place at a later date at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel.



ERIC G. SCHWARZ

Eric G. Schwarz of Bethel died Feb. 22, 2016 at the Hospice House in Auburn.

He was born July 31, 1931 in Boston, the son of Frederick and Florence (Hoeh) Schwarz. He graduated from North High School in Worcester, Mass. After receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees in chemical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he accepted a position at Union Carbide in Tonawanda, N.Y. Shortly afterward, he was called to active duty in the Air Force. He was stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, where he was a development engineer and learned to fly.

After serving in the Air Force, he returned to Union Carbide. He was transferred to Union Carbide's Technical Center in Tarrytown, N.Y. in 1966 and moved with his family to Somers, N.Y. He took early retirement as a Senior Development Scientist and moved to Bethel in 1987 to pursue his interests in photography, skiing and the outdoors.

His more than 40 years with the National Ski Patrol gave him great satisfaction. He patrolled at Big Birch in Patterson, N.Y. and at Sunday River after moving to Bethel. He helped train a generation of ski patrollers from Sunday River and Gould Academy.

In Bethel, his projects included getting trees planted in town, testing river water and working on the Androscoggin River Canoe trail and landings.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Lucia, and their children Stephanie Harris and husband Scott of Brookfield, N.H., Peter Schwarz and wife Kathy of Bethel, Derek Schwarz and wife Linda of Raleigh, N.C.; grandchildren Jaime Olivo and husband Christopher, Christopher Schwarz, Ryan Schwarz and wife Rebekah, Michael Harris, Nicholas Schwarz and Kaylee Schwarz.

There will be a private family service later.

If you wish, donations may be made in his memory to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the Mahoosuc Land Trust.

RUTH L. NAPLES

Ruth L. Naples, age 94, of River Road in Mexico, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at Maine Medical Center. She was born in Buckfield, Maine on Sept. 7, 1921, a daughter of Ormsby & Agnes (Winslow) Warren. Ruth was educated in Buckfield and Canton Schools and graduated from Canton High School in 1939. She was employed by the Diamond Match Company for 8 years.

Ruth met the love of her life Enrico Naples while he was delivering meat at a general store in Canton, Maine. Enrico was drafted shortly after and went into the service; it would be 4 years later before they reconnected. Since then they celebrated 58 years of marriage together and raised 8 children. In March of 1953, Enrico bought Ruth the house of her dreams, which became the Naples family home, and a successful family business known as Naples Packing Co. Inc. Ruth worked side by side with Enrico for many years as the bookkeeper, all while raising their eight children.

In addition, Ruth touched the lives of many over her years and will be remembered for her selfless giving. She was a passionate scrap booker of world events and an avid letter writer having hundreds of pen pals throughout her lifetime, including political figures and spouses that are part of her scrapbook collection. She also enjoyed gardening, cooking and crocheting and sharing these activities with well-known people like, Margaret Chase Smith and Marjorie Standish.

She enjoyed, along with her friends, horseracing, Country Western music and attended many country music shows as well as followed well-known country western musicians. Ruth loved Tom Brady, the New England Patriots, and her daily trips to McDonalds where she and Enrico socialized with many friends. Ruth enjoyed hosting birthday parties and other special events. She had a fond friendship with the Sisters of St. Chretienne who taught at St. Theresa's School. Together, she and Enrico enjoyed helping the sisters out in any way they could.

Ruth was predeceased by her husband, Enrico D. Naples, Sr. She is survived by her children Eddy D. Naples and wife, Marie of Mexico, Ginger L. Patterson and husband, Allan of Mexico, Penny J. Laplante and husband David of Waterville, Mitzie J. Naples of Bethel, Candy M. Kersey and husband, Mike of Weld, Cindy L. N. Ross and husband, Bruce of Dixfield, Enrico D. Naples, Jr. and fiancé, Joan Wood of Mexico, and Catherine Napolitano Ross and fiancé Peter Puiia of Peru. Her surviving grandchildren include: Emily and Neil Naples, Craig Surrette, Jennie Hebert, Jaime Arsenault, Matthew Laplante, Chris Laplante, Eli Mann, Kathleen Kersey, Michael Kersey, Jr., Enrico Ross, Spencer Ross, Hunter Ross, Jessica Naples, Mark Ross, Jr., Tim and Adriarna Ross, and sixteen great grandchildren.

You are invited to share your thoughts, condolences, and fond memories with the family by visiting their guestbook at www.SGThibaultFuneralHome.com

Visiting hours will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, March 4, at SG Thibault Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 am Saturday, March 5, at Parish of the Holy Savior. Spring interment will be in Farrington-Morton Cemetery in Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ruth's name to Holy Savior Catholic School at 115 Maine Avenue Rumford, ME 04276. A special thanks to the Rumford Hospital and in particular the Emergency Room Staff, Med Care Attendants, and Maine Medical Center ICU Staff.

Arrangements are under the care of S.G. Thibault Funeral Home, Cremation and Monument Services 250 Penobscot St. Rumford ME 04276. 364-4366 www.sgthibaultfuneralhome.com

Moore Park Art Show booths available

Forty of Maine's finest artists and handcrafters will join some of Maine's best performers for full day of live entertainment and fine local fare for the 7th Annual Moore Park Art Show, Sunday, July 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with rain date the following Sunday, Aug. 6.

Finely crafted artwork of all kinds and styles will be exhibited by artists set up around the charming gazebo at the historic Moore Park on Route 26 in South Paris for a day of fun for all ages. Joining the artists will be a slate of musicians, dancers and theatrical performers, including a special grant-funded performance by the Celebration Barn, and a free children's theater workshop hosted by the ring leader of Circus Ole and Feast of Fools.

Adding to the beauty of and fun of the show are two beautiful Veteran's Memorials on the park grounds as well as a playground.

Artists will be vying for $50 ribbons in Fine Art, Photography and Artisan Craft to be judged by regional art professionals, in addition to a $250 Purchase Award sponsored by Chandler Funeral Homes.

Booth spots are available for exhibitors, food vendors and community groups. All artwork exhibited in booths must be the design and creation of the accepted artists and crafters.

For questions and to request an application, contact Director Aranka Matolcsy at 207-890-6386 or go to www.mooreparkartshow.biz for detailed information on fees and application form downloads.

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wishes to thank all our many friends and family for all the cards, messages, thoughts and prayers, and to all who attended his visitation. It was a great tribute to him. Also to Stephens Memorial Hospital, the Ledgeview Living Center, and Chandler Funeral Home for their care and concern.
Hazel Cole, Elton Cole, Marie Wilday, Linda Libby, Susan Leonard

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